OPCW

Conference of the States Parties

DECISION

PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPCW DAY

The Conference of the States Parties,

Recalling the decision of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter "the Conference") in its report of its Tenth Session (paragraph 23.3 of C-10/5, dated 11 November 2005) that a Day of Remembrance for all victims of chemical warfare would be observed on 29 April each year;

Considering a proposal by the Director-General, put forth in his Note (EC-79/S/1, dated 22 May 2015), for the designation of 29 April each year—the date in 1997 on which the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Convention") entered into force—as the International Day for the Foundation of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons ("OPCW Day");

Considering further a proposal by the Director-General in the same Note that the Day of Remembrance for all victims of chemical warfare be held on 30 November or, when appropriate, the first day of the regular session of the Conference;

Cognizant of the significant achievements of the OPCW since the entry into force of the Convention in 1997 and of the fact that an internationally observed day dedicated to the Convention and the Organisation, for the purpose of promoting the public awareness and positive profiles of both, has not yet been established; and

Affirming the importance of the continued observance of an annual Day of Remembrance for all victims of chemical warfare;

Hereby:

1. **Decides** to designate 29 April each year—the date in 1997 on which the Convention entered into force—as the International Day for the Foundation of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons ("OPCW Day");

2. **Decides** that the Day of Remembrance for all victims of chemical warfare will be held on 30 November each year or, when appropriate, on the first day of the regular session of the Conference; and

3. **Decides** that the above arrangement will commence in 2016.

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