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DECISION

**EXTENSION OF THE INTERMEDIATE AND FINAL DEADLINES FOR THE
DESTRUCTION BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
OF ITS CATEGORY 1 CHEMICAL WEAPONS**

The Conference of the States Parties,

Having considered the recommendation of the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council") at its Twenty-Third Meeting (EC-M-23/DEC.4, dated 24 October 2003) that the Conference at its Eighth Session grant to the Russian Federation an extension of its intermediate and final deadlines for the destruction of its Category 1 chemical weapons;

Hereby:

1. **Decides** to set up a revised intermediate deadline of 29 April 2007 for the destruction by the Russian Federation of 20% of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles;
2. **Grants** the Russian Federation, in principle, an extension of the intermediate deadline for the destruction of 45% of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles, so that the 45% deadline will occur after the 20% deadline; and an extension of the final deadline for the destruction of the Russian Federation's Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles, so that the 100% deadline will occur after the 45% deadline, on the understanding that nothing hereinbelow shall prejudice any of the obligations that the Russian Federation has under the terms of the Convention, including, with respect to the 100% deadline, paragraph 28, Part IV(A), of the Verification Annex, and that:
 - (a) the Council, at each alternate regular Session, will be kept informed by the Russian Federation on the status of its plans, with supporting documentation, towards implementing this destruction obligation;
 - (b) the Director-General will periodically report to the Council on the progress made by the Russian Federation in chemical weapons destruction, in accordance with its obligations under the Convention; and
 - (c) the Chairman of the Council, in the exercise of his competencies and in cooperation with the Director-General, will periodically report to the Council on these matters.

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