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DECISION

APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE OPCW

The Conference of the States Parties,

Recalling that, according to Financial Regulation 13.1, an External Auditor, who shall be the Auditor-General (or an officer holding an equivalent title) of a State Party, shall be appointed in the manner and for the period determined by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) and for a single period of not less than two years, but not exceeding six years;

Noting that, by the closing date for nominations, 1 September 2005, the Technical Secretariat had received nominations for External Auditor of the OPCW from four States Parties;

Noting also the Note by the Director-General indicating that two of these States Parties, Bangladesh and Nepal, had withdrawn their respective nominees (C-10/DG.10, dated 2 November 2005); and

Confirming that in no case shall a single audit institution hold the position of External Auditor of the OPCW for more than six consecutive years;

Hereby:

Decides that the period of office referred to in Financial Regulation 13.1 may also be made up of an initial term of three years, renewable for one subsequent term of up to three years;

Decides further to appoint Mr Muhammad Yunis Khan, Auditor-General of Pakistan, as External Auditor of the OPCW to audit the OPCW’s financial and administrative operations for a subsequent term for the financial years 2006 to 2008;

Decides also to appoint Mr Norbert Hauser, Vice-President of the German Supreme Audit Institution, as External Auditor of the OPCW to audit the OPCW’s financial and administrative operations for an initial term of three years, from 2009 to 2011; and



Decides in addition that, for each of the aforementioned terms of office, the audit fees for the second and third years shall not exceed those for the immediately preceding year by more than the official rate of annual inflation published by the Government of the Netherlands for the year in question.

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