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DECISION

CHEMICAL WEAPONS INCIDENT IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

The Executive Council,

Underlining that the use of any chemical weapon by anyone under any circumstances is reprehensible and completely contrary to the legal norms and standards of the international community, and **further underlining** that those responsible for the use of chemical weapons should be held accountable;

Determined for the sake of all mankind, to exclude completely the possibility of the use of chemical weapons through the implementation of the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”);

Cognisant of the statement of the Government of Malaysia, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 3 March 2017, that a toxic chemical—the Schedule 1 nerve agent VX—was used in a fatal incident on 13 February 2017 at Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2, and of the national statement of Malaysia to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) on 7 March 2017;

Further cognisant of the Director-General’s letter of 24 February 2017 offering technical assistance to the Government of Malaysia in support of its investigation; and

Noting that the Technical Secretariat has provided technical materials to the Government of Malaysia to assist its investigation;

Hereby:

1. **Expresses grave concern** that, according to statements by the Government of Malaysia, a chemical weapon—the Schedule 1 nerve agent VX—was used in a fatal incident on 13 February 2017 at Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2;
2. **Expresses** its deep appreciation for the information provided by the Government of Malaysia and support for the Government of Malaysia’s ongoing investigation;
3. **Requests** the Director-General to provide technical assistance upon requests from the Government of Malaysia for its national investigation, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention;



4. **Underlines** the importance that the Council attaches to receiving and considering the official results once the Government of Malaysia has completed its investigation of this incident; and
5. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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