



United Nations Compensation Commission**Decision concerning the fulfillment of the mandate of the Follow-up Programme for Environmental Awards in respect of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia taken by the Governing Council at its 184th meeting on 2 May 2013**

The Governing Council,

Recalling decision 258 (S/AC.26/Dec.258 (2005)) that established the Follow-up Programme for Environmental Awards (the “Programme”) as a mechanism for monitoring the use of certain of the “F4” award funds for environmental remediation projects (the “environmental projects”) by the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the State of Kuwait and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (the “participating Governments”) in line with Guidelines annexed to that decision,

Recalling also decision 269 (S/AC.26/Dec.269 (2011)) that called upon the participating Governments to fulfill the mandate of the Programme in the near term by establishing certain systems and controls for the management of their continuing environmental projects under decision 258,

Recalling further paragraph 6 of decision 269 that provides that upon fulfillment by the participating Governments of the systems and controls and provision of assurances for their maintenance and for use of award funds for the successful completion of the environmental projects, as determined by the Governing Council, the Governing Council shall declare that the mandate of the Programme is fulfilled,

Recalling the conclusion reached at the seventy-fourth session that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia had materially met the requirements of decision 269 with respect to the establishment of the requisite systems and controls and that the Council would be ready to declare that the mandate of the Programme is fulfilled in the case of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on or before its seventy-fifth session, subject to certain outstanding issues being satisfactorily addressed,

Recalling also the conclusion reached at the seventy-fourth session that the Islamic Republic of Iran had concluded one of its two environmental projects under the Programme;

Having considered the reports submitted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the fulfillment of the outstanding issues,

Having also considered the reports submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran on its remaining environmental project, and the reports of the Independent Reviewers and the Secretariat thereon,

1. *Decides* that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has adequately established the systems and controls under decision 269 in respect of the ongoing implementation of its environmental projects under decision 258;

2. *Directs* the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to transmit the assurances for the maintenance of the systems and controls as agreed upon at the seventy-fourth Council session, through the Executive Head of the Secretariat to the Governing Council within 60 days of this decision;

3. *Declares* that upon the Governing Council's receipt of the signed assurances, the mandate under the Programme will be considered fulfilled in respect of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and authorizes the Secretariat to take the necessary administrative action for the release of funds withheld under decisions 258 and 266 (S/AC.26/266 (2009)) along with any accrued interest remaining under decision 268 ((S/AC.26/268 (2009)) to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

4. *Decides* that the Islamic Republic of Iran has completed the implementation of its two environmental projects in fulfillment of the requirements of decision 258, and that the Programme is considered closed in respect of the Islamic Republic of Iran;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretariat to take the necessary administrative action for the release of funds withheld under decision 258 along with any accrued interest to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, subject to applicable legal requirements;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.
