Place and dates of the ninetieth session of the Executive Council

I. Procedure for fixing the place and dates of Executive Council sessions

1. Article 8(2) of the Organization’s Statutes and rule 3(3) of the Council’s Rules of Procedure provide that the sessions of the Council shall be held at the Organization’s Headquarters unless the Council decides otherwise.

2. A decision is to be taken at the present session on the place and dates of the ninetieth Council session.

II. Candidatures received for the ninetieth session

3. On 8 October 2009, the delegation of Spain conveyed to the Executive Council gathered in Astana, Kazakhstan, a verbal invitation by the Spanish Government to host the ninetieth session of the Council in spring 2011 at the Headquarters of the Organization in Madrid. On 30 September 2010, the Government of Spain officially reiterated its invitation through a letter addressed to the Secretary-General.

4. In a letter addressed to the Secretary-General and dated 19 May 2010, the Republic of Serbia expressed its desire to host the ninetieth session of the Executive Council in spring 2011, and confirmed its invitation through a second letter dated 17 September 2010.

5. In a letter addressed to the Secretary-General and dated 8 June 2010, the Government of Kenya expressed its interest and readiness to host the ninetieth session of the Council.