



## **Statement by the OPCW Deputy Director-General at the Briefing on the ChemTech Centre Project / EC-91 Side Event**

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Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,

I welcome you to the Briefing on the Project to upgrade Laboratory and the Equipment Store to a Centre for Chemistry and Technology. The Secretariat has issued a Note on the Progress of the ChemTech Centre project. The Note describes current project scope, cost, and schedule, and the project's many expected benefits. During this briefing, the Secretariat intends to walk you through this Note.

The total contributions received or pledged to date to the ChemTech Centre project amounts approximately to EUR 28.3 million. I wish to thank the Government of the Netherlands, our Host Country, which has pledged the financial support needed to acquire the land for the new Centre. I wish also to extend my gratitude to the governments of Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Estonia, France, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, as well as the European Union, for their generous pledges and contributions. As a revised cost estimate is EUR 33.5 million, additional EUR5.2 million will be required approximately within 12 months from now for a timely implementation of the Project.

This project will create tangible benefits for all States Parties in the implementation of the Convention. Accordingly, it is our wish to receive contributions from as many States Parties as possible, and from all geographic regions. All States Parties are therefore encouraged to take ownership of the project by providing political and financial support regardless of the size.

Thank you.

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