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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TO THE
OPCW AT THE NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 17**

Your Excellency, the Chairperson of the Executive Council of the OPCW,
Your Excellency, the Director-General of the OPCW,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

May peace and God's mercy and blessings be upon you.

On behalf of the delegation of the United Arab Emirates, it gives me pleasure to congratulate you, Excellency Ambassador Abdelouahab Bellouki of the Kingdom of Morocco, on your election as Chairperson of the Executive Council. I wish you full success in your mission.

I would like to extend my greetings and appreciation to the Director-General of the OPCW, H.E. Ambassador Fernando Arias, for his invaluable efforts over the past period, as well as to the team of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW for their ongoing efforts to promote and energise the role of the OPCW in the elimination of weapons of mass destruction and the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

We also express appreciation and thanks to the Director-General of the OPCW for the efforts that he has made over the past period with a view to implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention ("the Convention") and achieving the objectives of the OPCW, as well as for his great efforts to build the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (ChemTech Centre) and for his reports to the States Parties on the implementation of the Convention and the developments in relation to the destruction of chemical weapons and their production facilities. We voice the support of the delegation of the United Arab Emirates for the re-election of the Director-General of the OPCW for a second term of office, wishing him success in his duties in the coming period.

The United Arab Emirates affirms its commitment to cooperating with the OPCW and the States Parties, through its membership of the Executive Council, with a view to achieving the objectives of the OPCW and ensuring the effective implementation of the Convention.

The United Arab Emirates is committed to implementing its obligations under the Convention and believes firmly in the objectives of the Convention, through which the whole world affirmed its determination to work towards achieving effective progress in complete disarmament and the prohibition of all weapons of mass destruction for a safe life for humanity as a whole.



In conclusion, I request that this statement be circulated as an official document of this session and posted on the external server and public website of the OPCW.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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