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AT THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 9(D)**

Mr Chairperson,

In addition to the remarks made by the Bulgarian Ambassador, I would like to make some remarks on behalf of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Aotearoa New Zealand remains deeply concerned by the poisoning of Mr Alexei Navalny. The use of a chemical weapon against Mr Navalny is an affront to the global rules and norms that we have collectively committed to uphold, and must be addressed.

Despite the opportunity, we consider that the Russian Federation, on whose territory the attack took place, has not yet adequately addressed or investigated the circumstances of the incident. New Zealand therefore continues to reiterate our call on the Russian Federation to cooperate fully with the international community and the OPCW to provide answers and clarify what took place.

We must ensure that such an attack cannot take place again, and we rely on the cooperation of the Russian Federation to ensure this is the case.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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