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**STATE OF PALESTINE**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE  
TO THE OPCW AT THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION  
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES  
REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL FERNANDO ARIAS FOR A SECOND TERM OF OFFICE**

Mr Chairperson,

As we take the floor for the first time, allow us to congratulate you on chairing this session. We are confident that your remarkable diplomatic skills will steer this meeting towards achieving its desired objectives.

The State of Palestine wishes to express its full support for the renewal of the mandate of His Excellency Fernando Arias for a second term of office as Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. We would like to express our deep gratitude for the Director-General's support to the State of Palestine in establishing its National Authority since its accession to the Convention. His remarkable efforts in providing continuous support to all States Parties to the Convention require that we lend our full support for this renewal.

We request that this statement be considered an official document of the Conference and posted on the Organisation's public website and Catalyst.

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