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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR M RIAZ HAMIDULLAH
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH TO THE OPCW AT THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
EXPLANATION OF VOTE
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 13**

Mr Chairperson,

The Bangladesh delegation voted 'yes' on the draft decision on the biennium Draft Programme and Budget for 2022–2023 although this may not be fully consistent with our expectations. We voted 'yes' essentially to allow the OPCW to continue its functioning of good work that the Organisation keeps rendering under the exemplary leadership of Director-General Fernando Arias.

Our 'yes' vote on the draft decision—as we explained on earlier occasions—is to uphold the spirit of Articles X, XIII, and XXI of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

However, we should register our displeasure for the reasons we could not forge consensus. Consideration of a crucial matter such as the programme and budget for the international Organisation should not have led to a situation that called for a vote. This is commensurate with our principled approach elsewhere and as maintained in other multilateral organisations/platforms also.

I request the circulation of our statement as an official document of the Twenty-Sixth Session of the Conference of the States Parties and request that it is posted on the external server and OPCW website.

Thank you.

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