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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
EXPLANATION OF VOTE UNDER AGENDA ITEM 13
THE OPCW PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2022–2023**

Thank you, Mr Chairperson,

My delegation wishes to explain our vote (abstention) on the draft decision on the OPCW Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 and to stress that the adoption by the Conference of the States Parties of decisions concerning financial matters of the OPCW, including the adoption of the programme and budget, is vital for the Organisation to be able to implement its programmes and achieve the objectives set for it in the Chemical Weapons Convention (“the Convention”). At the same time, we wish to stress the need to take all decisions concerning the programme and budget by consensus, rather than by voting.

The State of Palestine and other States Parties have pointed out that the OPCW Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 was presented for adoption as part of an omnibus decision containing distinct items that could have been discussed separately.

The State of Palestine affirms that omnibus decisions on the budget prevent States Parties from expressing their views on separate issues and elements that have been added to the budget without consensus. It is our view, therefore, that the decision to adopt the Organisation’s programme and budget should be based on a common ground, consensually agreed upon among all States Parties to the Convention.

We would kindly ask that this statement be considered an official document of the Twenty-Sixth Session of the Conference of the States Parties and posted on the Organisation’s public website and external server.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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