



**STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
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**Agenda item 10 (h) – Draft Mid-Biennium Revised Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2023, and all items pertaining to this Budget**

Mr. Chairperson,

I speak on behalf of the European Union.

The Chemical Weapons Convention is a key instrument of the global non-proliferation architecture. It requires a predictable and solid financial base to reach a world free of chemical weapons. The Director-General's proposed revision of the programme and budget for 2023 enables the OPCW to continue its vital work including cooperation and assistance projects. In this context, the European Union calls upon all States Parties to pay their assessed contributions in full and on time. At the same time, under the currently more challenging financial conditions, the Technical Secretariat is required to practice strict budgetary discipline so that the Organisation can continue to fulfil all its objectives.

I would kindly ask you to consider this statement as an official document and post it on the OPCW external server and public website.

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