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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR SUSANNAH GORDON
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NEW ZEALAND TO THE OPCW
AT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE STATES PARTIES UNDER AGENDA ITEM 13**

Mr Chairperson,
Director General,
Distinguished colleagues,

Aotearoa New Zealand believes that we, as States Parties, have an opportunity to firmly demonstrate our commitment—and responsibility—to support the work of the OPCW. Together, we ensure that the OPCW has the financial means to effectively fulfil its role.

Indeed, ensuring that our agreed OPCW programme of work can be delivered is of critical importance.

Aotearoa New Zealand considers that the technical update to the OPCW biennial Programme and Budget for 2022 – 2023 is reasonable and justified.

New Zealand will support the adoption of the OPCW Draft Revised Programme and Budget for 2023, and we call on all States Parties to adopt a consensus decision.

We are pleased to demonstrate our commitment to the OPCW by transmitting our assessed contributions to the budget on time and in full. While we understand that many national budgets are under pressure, we urge all States Parties to do likewise.

We ask that this statement be made an official-series document and published on the OPCW external server and public website.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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