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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR CHATRI ARCHJANANUN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND TO THE OPCW AT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

Mr Chairperson,  
Director-General,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, I wish to express my delegation's support to H.E. Ambassador Vusimuzi Madonsela of South Africa as the Chairperson of the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference of the States Parties. I am certain that your able leadership and guidance will bring a successful session of the Conference of the States Parties.

Thailand aligns itself with the statement submitted on behalf of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement that are States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention and China.

Mr Chairperson, this year marks the twenty-fifth year of Chemical Weapons Convention ("the Convention") entering into force and the establishment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). Over the past quarter century, the Convention has been a vital instrument in the global chemical security architecture, contributing to international peace and security. At the same time, the OPCW has been effectively supporting the Convention, through its work in monitoring, verification and technical cooperation.

Thailand welcomes the progress of the construction of the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology, which is due to become operational in the first half of 2023. This new facility would serve as an important platform to build capacity of the Organisation and its personnel. We commend the Director-General and the Secretariat for their dedication and hard work in driving this project forward. Thailand is pleased to have played a small part in financially contributing to this project.

Despite these successful outcomes and progresses, challenges remain with the confirmed use of chemical weapons in some parts of the world. The growing geopolitical tensions, as well as the advancement of technology, have added to the risk of the development and use of chemical weapons. It is of particular concern that the advancement of technology has also been a catalyst in the emerging threats imposed by non-State actors. Therefore, we need to consolidate our efforts to support the full and effective implementation of Convention and keep up with the growing challenges.



The use of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere, and under any circumstances, is not acceptable and the perpetrators should be held accountable. We believe that States hold an important responsibility in placing control of chemical weapons. This could be done by full and effective implementation of the Convention, through domestic legislation and regulations in managing hazardous substance, including the dual-use items.

At the international level, information sharing, and national assistance stand as keys to building trust between States and promote chemical security around the world. We stand ready to work with State Parties and other relevant partners to strengthen cooperation in this area at all levels.

We look forward to the Fifth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (Fifth Review Conference) next year to set a strategic direction for this framework for the next five years. Thailand supports and encourages constructive cooperation among States Parties in the efforts to strengthen the work of the Convention.

In closing, Thailand wishes to reiterate its commitment to the obligations under the Convention in all of its provisions to make this world a safer place. We will continue to exert our best efforts in implementing all necessary measures to uphold the Convention.

Thank you.

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