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**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
DELIVERED BY H.E. AMBASSADOR MARKUS LEINONEN  
EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE AT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH  
SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES  
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 10**

Mr Chairperson,

I have the honour of speaking on behalf of the European Union.

The Annual Report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention is a factual description of the activities of the Organisation in 2021 by the Technical Secretariat. The European Union considers that any attempt to introduce changes to this factual report equals to censorship. The report has already been considered by the Executive Council and submitted as it stands today for adoption by the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference of the States Parties.

I would kindly ask you to consider this statement as an official document of the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference of the States Parties and post it on the OPCW external server and public website.

Thank you.

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