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Mister Chairman, Director-General, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I welcome the opportunity to present about “Supporting More Scientific Research About Preventing Chemical Weapons Use.”

First a statement of purpose.

Science plays a crucial role in combating chemical weapons use. The OPCW actively endorses this fact and supports scientific research. However, there is always room for improvement.

Especially some agents need more attention, such as chlorine. Chlorine, by nature, dissipates from environments rapidly, thus making its detection difficult. FFM reporting has relied heavily on the testimonies of witnesses, victims, and those providing medical care, as well as on collecting and examining relevant documentary evidence. Definitive and practical methods to prove chlorine exposure in both antemortem and postmortem examinations remain lacking.

Providing financial incentives to new research attracts young and talented scientists. Moreover, new publications in this field causes that international scientific community to give more attention.

Secondly, a new online platform will be helpful to scientists to share their ideas and expertise in “Scientific Research About Preventing Chemical Weapons Use”. This online platform may provide an online library with free access to scientists.

Thank you for your kind attention, and I wish for this statement to be made part of the final CSP record and posted on the external server and website.