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**THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
TO THE OPCW AT THE 101ST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 10(H)**

Mr Chairman,

China supports the provision of funds to the OPCW for implementing the Convention. Therefore, China has no difficulty with the revisions in the 2023 budget. However, China is concerned that the Draft Revised 2023 Programme and Budget did not incorporate some recommendations made by some States Parties during the budget consultation, which was to separate the Draft Revised 2023 Programme and Budget from the draft decision on the extension the Special Fund for the IT Infrastructure of the IIT. The Chinese delegation finds this regrettable. This delegation stated on many occasions that it objected to the use of the mode of "a packaged decision" for the draft budget and program. According to the OPCW Financial Regulations, the programme and budget and the special funds are subject to different regulations, and should, thus, not be mixed together. In the past practice, the TS would usually prepare a separate draft decision on establishing, extending or closing a special fund. This time, with regard to the extension of the OPCW special fund for special missions, the Council at this session will consider a separate draft decision. The Chinese delegation believes that the TS should be consistent in doing the same, namely, extending a special fund.

The Chinese delegation requests that this statement be distributed as an official document of this session and published on the OPCW public website and extranet.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.

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