

Agenda item 9 – Countering Chemical Terrorism

STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA AT THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Thank you, Mr Chairperson,

Malaysia would like to take this opportunity to commend the valuable contribution of the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism (OEWG-T) under the able leadership of His Excellency Permanent Representative of South Africa to the OPCW.

The OEWG on Terrorism remains the primary platform for the States Parties to interact with international experts and exchange their views on the challenges posed by chemical terrorism. Malaysia believes that the full and effective implementation of all provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention is in itself a contribution to global anti-terrorist efforts and deliberations at the works of the working group are particularly useful in this regard.

Malaysia supports States Parties and the Technical Secretariat's efforts to collaborate in strengthening States Parties' awareness of their relevant obligations under the Convention and to offer practical assistance in strengthening States Parties' national legislation, chemical security, and customs and border control to counter chemical terrorism by non-State actors.

Last but not least, Malaysia would like to conclude our intervention by reiterating that universality of the Convention is the strongest guarantee for chemical security, in light of the resurgence in the use of chemical weapons, the re-emergence of chemical warfare as well as the threat posed by chemical terrorism including those by non-States Parties and non-State actors.

I kindly ask for this statement to be made available in the Catalyst and the OPCW public website.

Thank you.