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**At the closing session of  
Fifth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review  
the operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention  
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**Mr. Chairperson,**

Let me thank Ambassador HenkCor Vander Kwast, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the OPCW for his chairmanship of the 5<sup>th</sup> review conference. It was not the easiest one. You still proposed a three settings to manage the limited time of the conference to ease our deliberation and reach a consensual document.

Since the biggening you have shown a sens of responsibility by wisely advocating for consensus, refusing to divide the International community on an issue of international peace and security and rejecting a document with no value. My gratitude goes to the friends of Chair, the Ambassadors of New Zealand, Estonia, Ecuador and Cyprus for helping in the endeavor with the negotiations. It goes also to the Ambassador of Mexico who tried to innovate in the Committee of the whole to bring closer the positions of States Parties.

We don't have an outcome today. We regrettably reproduced the scenario of the last session and end up with no orientation for 10 years now. My delegation would have liked to avoid this scenario but now we hope this situation will not hamper the significant CWC success and achievements of more than 25 years.

Delegations including the Algerian one actively contributed a year along in the working group under the commendable leadership of H.E Lauri Kuusing, and in other formats in order to review and come up with innovative approaches for the future of the operation of our Convention. The flexibility shown while negotiating the text of the President was not enough. Instead of posing existential questions on our engagement towards CWC I would rather prefer to think we maybe could decide on a consensus document if we had a longer conference.

Having said that, my delegation is of the view that the evaluation and expectations of the CWC converged on the majority of aspects. The assessment was largely positive and the expectations challenging. The Algerian delegation is looking forward to further discussing on these matters in the future sessions of OPCW PMO's.

We don't have an outcome but our commitment and objective remain the same to uphold the implementation of the Convention provision and to free our world from chemical weapons.

We request this statement be circulated as an official document of this session and posted on the OPCW's public website and catalyst.

**Thank you**