

Statement by **Bangladesh**
H E Ambassador M Riaz Hamidullah
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Thank you **Mr. chair.**

We join scores of delegations this hour who spoke for the RevCon not being able to adopt an outcome document. Bangladesh delegation registers her disappointment together with all those delegations.

In the process, we were witness not only of your leadership, Mr. Chairman, but also of sincere efforts of Ambassador Lauri Kussin nearly over a year now in the OEWG as also Ambassador José Antonio Zabalgaitia Trejo as the Chair of the Committee of the Whole. Must I also mention the four Ambassadors who served as the distinguished friends of the Chair. We acknowledge all your efforts striving in our collective interest. As I said during the General Debate this Tuesday, the RevCon was to build on the past and also to project into the future.

Mr. Chair,

Multilateralism, yet remains valued and valid. Must remain so, as many in the room have underlined in different ways.

We join all those who repose confidence in the arduous and complex journey of the RevCon process under the Convention.

That is how and why we engage. And on that note, we acknowledge the substantial volume of elements and the positive movements on so many apparently intractable issues on which we reached convergence in the course of our work this week. We would hope that we would build on those beyond the RevCon; and those works could be preserved.

We would request for this statement to be treated as an official document of the Fifth Review Conference and uploaded on the OPCW external server and public website.
