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**AT THE FIFTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
WORLD FORUM, 15-19 MAY 2023**

AGENDA ITEM 9(C): ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

1. Mr. Chairperson, since it's the first time our delegation is taking the floor, let me begin by congratulating you, Mr. Chairperson, Ambassador Henk Cor van der Kwast, and wishing you a successful chairmanship.
2. Our appreciation also goes to Director-General Fernando Arias, and his team for the comprehensive report as well as to Ambassador Lauri Kuusing of Estonia for his tireless efforts as Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group ahead of this Conference.
3. While the complete destruction of all categories of chemical weapons remains as the main objective of the Convention, international cooperation and assistance is also an important aspect of the Convention.
4. Indonesia is of the view that there should be no discrimination to all state parties to ensure economic and technological development, exchange of scientific information and equipment and chemical substances for peaceful purposes not prohibited under the Convention.
5. The newly inaugurated ChemTech Center provides us the opportunity to enhance and conduct more effective international cooperation and assistance, to help address the shortcomings that many state parties may still be facing.
6. Indonesia appreciates that the facilitator of Article XI would continue providing opportunities for constructive dialogue to achieve the purposes of the Convention.
7. Indonesia encourages greater engagement with relevant actors, including non-state actors such as industry and academia.
8. I request that this statement be published as an official document of the Conference and be posted on both external server and the public website. Thank you.

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