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Mr. Chairman,  
Mr. Director-General,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the delegation of Thailand, please allow me to congratulate you upon your assumption of the Chairmanship of the Conference of States Parties. My delegation also wishes you every success in the task before you and is confident that our deliberations will come to a satisfactory conclusion under your able stewardship. Let me also express our appreciation for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to us by the host country, the Netherlands.

Mr. Chairman,

The destruction of all chemical weapon stockpiles is one of the primary objectives of the Convention. We have taken note of the ongoing chemical weapon destruction efforts of the possessor States. In particular, we are pleased and congratulate that Albania

became the first possessor State to complete the destruction of chemical weapon stockpiles. My delegation will continue to urge all possessor States to ensure that they fulfill their obligations under the Convention. The deadlines extended by the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the CSP must be treated as final.

Mr. Chairman,

Please accept my compliment to the OPCW, which has been working effectively in bringing more new member States since the adoption of the Action Plan on Universality. Up to now there are 182 States Parties, Thailand invites all States that have not yet signed or ratified the CWC to do so as soon as possible.

Mr. Chairman,

Thailand has made considerable progress in the implementation of its obligations under the CWC. In particular, we fully comply with the Activities not Prohibited Under this Convention (art. VI) and the National Implementation Measures (art. VII). Furthermore, Thailand regularly cooperates and facilitates OPCW inspections of other chemical production facilities (OCPFs) for unscheduled discrete organic chemicals.

Mr. Chairman,

Thailand is concerned about the possibility of terrorists acquiring and using chemicals for hostile purposes. We have been strengthening our customs procedures for transshipment of chemicals and dual-use goods, with a view of raising its national standards to the international level.

As Thailand is one of the exporting centers of the region, the Container Security Initiatives (CSI) have been introduced to control WMD and other related elements in our ports and airports. We take urgent action to control the ability of proliferators to misuse Thailand's territory and economy such as imposing control meeting international standards over brokering, transit, transshipment, exports and re-exports. These controls of WMD and Dual-use goods are integral part of our international commitments.

Mr. Chairman,

Thailand is in the progress of setting up national measures to control the dual-use goods. We believe that once such measures have been achieved, there will be more cooperation among States in the region. Such cooperation would help to prevent the threat of use of chemical weapons and acts of terrorism in the region. Moreover, Thai customs agents have been participating in

workshops and seminars both at home and aboard, to exchange knowledge, views, work experiences and best practices.

In this connection, Thailand supports the implementation of obligations under article X (Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons) and article XI (Economic and Technological Development) in order to prevent proliferation of Chemical weapons, suppress acts of terrorism, and promote sustainable development of all States Parties.

Nevertheless, we have founded that achieving best practices such as setting up on Export Control System has not been easy task for developing countries like Thailand. The technical assistance from the Technical Secretariat is welcomed and may be required.

Mr. Chairman,

Regarding the 2008 program and budget, we appreciate the proposition of zero nominal growth made by the Director-General. My delegation encourages the efforts of the Secretariat to continue its attempt in this regard. As to the preparation of the Second Review Conference of the Convention, Thailand will fully cooperate and make this Conference a success. Furthermore, I would like to extend Thailand's support to H.E. Ambassador

Lynn Parker of the United Kingdom in his capacity as chairman of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Second Review Conference.

Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of Thailand sincerely hopes that this twelfth Session of the Conference of the States Parties will draw a successful conclusion under your wise guidance.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.