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AT THE SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson,

Let me begin by commending you for the excellent manner in which you have steered the work of the Executive Council since taking over this important responsibility. Your leadership helped us achieve landmark decisions at the last meeting of the Council.

Let me also commend the Director-General Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü for his guidance and dedicated efforts to enable the Organisation to effectively address the key challenges before us. The Director-General further deserves our commendation for his hard work to make this Organisation a success story. We wish you, Mr Director-General and your team members, every success.

We also wish to thank you, Mr Director-General, for your kind visit to Pakistan last month to see for yourself the efforts being made by our National Authority to implement the Convention in Pakistan. Our leadership and concerned authorities found discussions with you highly useful.

The statement of the NAM CWC States Parties and China, to which my delegation associates, reflects my delegation's position on the issues before this session of the Council. I would like to add my comments on some key issues of particular importance to us.

Now that the most important decision on the final extended deadline has been taken, we expect the possessor States to complete their destruction processes at the earliest. We are looking forward to the submission of the destruction plans and announcement of the planned completion dates by them as envisaged in the decision.

We have taken note of the information with regard to the declaration of new chemical weapons stockpiles in Libya. It would be important to handle this important matter, which could have possible serious implications, in a prudent manner and in accordance with the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention.



The next issue of fundamental importance for this Organisation is the question of the OPCW's future priorities. I would like to extend my delegation's appreciation to the Director-General for organising the second round of informal consultations on the Advisory Panel's report on future priorities. We find these informal exchanges of views useful which could continue for a few more months. However, it would be important that at some stage the issue is brought to a more formal inter-governmental setting. In our view, this subject could be included in the agenda of the open-ended working group which is to be established to prepare for the Third Review Conference due next year.

It is well-known that my delegation attaches high importance to strengthening international cooperation and assistance in the field of chemistry. We are pleased to see that the Conference of the States Parties at its Sixteenth Session adopted an important decision on Article XI. We hope that this decision will help promote peaceful uses of chemistry among the States Parties. We are confident that the allocation made in the 2012 budget for international cooperation would help ensure meaningful implementation of the Conference decision.

I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm to this Council that my government attaches the utmost importance to the effective implementation of the Convention. During 2011, with the active support of Technical Secretariat, we hosted an International Basic Course on Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons in Islamabad and also successfully hosted the Regional Workshop on Electronic Declarations for National Authorities (EDNA) of Asia. Our National Authority is preparing to host the former course on an annual basis and also to host a subregional centre on assistance and protection.

I request that this statement be circulated as an official document of the Sixty-Seventh Session of the Executive Council.

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