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In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Mr. Chairperson,

Mr. Director General,

Your Excellencies, Heads of Delegations,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

May God's peace, mercy and blessings be upon you.

At the beginning of my speech, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to His Excellency Ambassador Almir Sahovic, the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the OPCW, on his election as Chairperson of the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, while wishing him the best of success in his mission to produce results that enhance the possibility of enforcing this convention and achieving its universality in the various regions of the world. Moreover, we would also like to reiterate our continued support and cooperation with His Excellency to ensure the success of this session.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend the efforts of your predecessor, H.E. Ambassador Selcuk Mustanser Tarar, for his exceptional management of the Twenty-Eighth Session and for his outstanding efforts in ensuring the success of the Conference.

We also highly appreciate the efforts exerted by H.E. Mr. Fernando Arias, Director-General of the of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, in strengthening and enhancing the role of the Organization and in achieving its objectives in all relevant areas, while brining to your kind attention that my country's delegation has reviewed with great interest the report of the OPCW prepared by the Technical Secretariat. Having said that, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to the Technical Secretariat of the Organization for their continuous efforts in strengthening and empowering the role of the Organization in eliminating weapons of mass destruction and in implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention.

My delegation would also like to express its support for the statement of the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement and the People's Republic of China, which was delivered by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Mr. Chairperson,

The fact that the Chemical Weapons Convention has achieved the accession of most of the countries of the world is conclusive evidence of the international support and respect this treaty commands for its noble objectives – and in such a way that enhances the security of the States Parties to it. As such, my country's delegation therefore calls on all states that have not yet joined the Convention to swiftly accede to it in order to ensure and reinforce international peace and security – which, I might remind you, is the main objective of the United Nations Charter. The realization of these goals can only be achieved by strengthening the role of such multilateral agreements and by supporting the existing international non-proliferation and disarmament regimes represented by the relevant international organizations.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Kingdom of Bahrain's participation in conferences aimed at eliminating and preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is an expression of the Kingdom's political will to achieve humanitarian goals, as well as an affirmation of its stalwart positions in combatting the proliferation of these weapons in service of achieving international peace and security.

Thus, we must remain vigilant in our efforts to resolutely address and counter the dangers and risks posed by the possession and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery – as well as the illicit trafficking in related dual-use goods and materials – so as to emphasize the need to strengthen the role and universality of international treaties in this regard. Moreover, and with reference to the regional situation, my country's delegation would like to reemphasize our commitment towards a Middle East free of all kinds of weapons of mass destruction.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Convention emphasizes international cooperation in the field of chemical activities for non-proscribed purposes, which is a noteworthy matter of attention so as to fulfill the requirements of Article XI of the Convention – especially with regards to the transfer of technology associated with chemical industries that are not prohibited under the Convention for countries that need such international support – which in turn will contribute to the realization of sustainable economic development and benefit all parties involved.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Kingdom of Bahrain has undertaken advanced steps in implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention. The Committee on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has adopted, since its establishment in 2011, its work program and agenda in developing national legislation in line with the requirements of the Convention, as well as coordinating between the Kingdom's relevant ministries and government agencies to swiftly and efficiently enforce these requirements in an integrated manner while also developing a mechanism to self-review and audit the Committee's implementation of the Convention's requirements.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairperson, I wish the work of this session all the best of luck and success, while affirming once more our readiness to cooperate with the rest of the States Parties to achieve the best results for the sake of a world free of chemical weapons. I hope that this statement will be adopted as an official document of the Conference.

Thank you.