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Mister Chairman, Director-General, Distinguished Delegates, OPCW and CWC Coalition Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to be able to speak on behalf of Pakistan House again this year. Let me first thank you for this opportunity. I must congratulate H.E. Mr Fernando Arias, the Director General for assuming new position. Let me also appreciate Dr. Paul Walker's tireless efforts in leading the CWCC, and helping to promote the proactive role of civil society, including non-governmental organizations.

Mister Chairman, the unending risks to global peace and stability plus the danger of reemergence of chemical weapons still remain the key challenges. Combining joint policy framework and prevention mechanism would directly contribute to a comprehensive solution to preclude chemical weapons. However, due to the growing threats that terrorist may use chemical related material to attack major cities in Europe, only a wider cooperation among state parties can arrest these threats.

Mister Chairman,

Last year Pakistan House introduced the idea of "strategic protection" of ordinary citizens from the threats of chemical related attacks. The idea in practice contains educational outreach, capacity building, and training programs – most importantly an awareness-prevention formula will help building more effective public knowledge of this critically important threat.

Mister Chairman,

Establishing a genuine partnership between state parties-civil society, and chemical industry will further strengthen safety security and validation process. Pakistan House considers public and private partnerships as a vehicle to enhance the capacity of OPCW, and thus continue to promoting chemical safety and security.

As an independent, non-partisan and non-political organization, Pakistan House strongly supports the international non-proliferation regime. The futuristic vision should specifically include the need to expand awareness and knowledge capacity of developing countries as the new generation will require modern knowledge to implement global responsibility and mandate of OPCW. I am confident that OPCW will continue to promote the cause of responsible chemistry and encourage state parties to establish wider academic programs and

exchange of modern technology with the developing world – as this strategy will ensure the implementation of OPCW programs.

Let me take this opportunity and reaffirm that the platform of Pakistan House is available to further the noble cause of OPCW and CWC Coalition and we look forward to participate in the on-going research projects and to help initiate new ones.

Mister Chairman,

Before I close, I want to inform that as a part of promoting the role of the CWC Coalition, Pakistan House once again published the civil society interventions from CSP-22 last year in the form of a booklet. This project too is a part of public awareness about the role of CWC in complimenting efforts of state parties and OPCW.

Let me conclude: It is my hope that the cooperation between OPCW and the CWC Coalition will not only help the capacity building but will also contribute to strategic protection of ordinary citizens.

Thank you for your kind attention, and I wish for this statement to be made part of the final CSP record and posted on the external server and website.