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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THAILAND TO THE OPCW  
AT THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES  
PARTIES**

**EXPLANATION OF VOTE**

Mr Chairperson,

Thank you for giving me the floor to make an explanation of vote. I wish to join other distinguished delegates to congratulate you and extend our support to you as Chair.

Thailand votes in favour of the draft decision on Programme and Budget for 2019 (C-23/DEC/CRP.8) to reaffirm its principle support to the objectives, purposes and technical importance of the works of the OPCW.

Thailand recognises the vital role of the OPCW as the cornerstone of multilateral efforts to prevent the use of chemical weapons through credible monitoring, verification and technical cooperation. Thus, we believe that the Organisation needs the budget to perform its core tasks and the 2019 programme and budget will allow the OPCW to work effectively, comprehensively and independently to deliver its mandates.

At the same time, my delegation has followed the development and discussion on the 2019 Programme and budget and related issues with deep concern over further divisiveness within the OPCW, and calls upon all States Parties to continue their efforts to enhance dialogue in a cooperative spirit and work toward achieving consensual solution to ensure that relevant future processes be transparent, inclusive, and impartial.

Thailand remains committed to supporting the OPCW and to working with all States Parties and the OPCW towards a successful Conference and attaining the common goals of the Chemical Weapons Convention in contribution to international peace and security.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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