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AT THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW THE OPERATION
OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

Mr Chairperson, distinguished representatives, delegates,

The Delegation of Mexico is grateful for the opportunity to take the floor and recognises the hard work that you and the facilitators have carried out in order to conduct the work of this Conference, and, although we would have wished to end on a high note with the adoption of a final report, we appreciate your Chairpersons Report.

Mexico reiterates its broadest support and commitment to comply with the obligations arising from the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (“the Convention”), as well as the strengthening of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and multilateralism, as the best way to face global challenges.

The condemnation of the Government of Mexico for the use of chemical weapons at any time, by any actor, and under any circumstance is expressed in the strongest possible way. The use of these weapons constitutes a violation of humanitarian law, of international law, of human rights, and, of course, of the Convention itself.

Mexico is strongly convinced that negotiation, dialogue, and diplomacy are the elements that drive multilateral agreements, as was the case with the adoption of Decision C-SS-4/DEC.3 within the framework of the Fourth Special Session of the Conference of States Parties, in accordance with the procedures established both in the Convention and in the Verification Annex. For this reason, my country voted in favour of Decision C-SS-4/DEC.3 “Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use”, as it considers that part of our efforts should be focused on the strengthening of the Organisation, on working in a united way towards the world free of chemical weapons that we all desire, and on having the possibility to identify the perpetrators that have used this type of weapons of mass destruction.

In order to support the implementation of the aforementioned decision, Mexico voted in favour of the Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2019, which guarantees the logistical and financial structure required by the OPCW to effectively exercise its attribution powers. We would like to thank all delegations present for their efforts so that, in the interest of unity and the strengthening of this disarmament forum, in the near future we can celebrate the total destruction of all chemical weapons that currently exist in the world.



The scourge of the use of chemical weapons must be eradicated forever, through the collective will of the States Parties to the Convention. Navigating against the current affects the Organisation and the efforts that have been made up till now to achieve the destruction of the arsenals and to direct the advances in science towards the objectives of international peace and security.

Thank you very much, Mr Chairperson.

I request that this statement be considered a public and official document of this meeting.

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