

**JOINT POSITION PAPER****BY THE MEMBER STATES OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT THAT ARE STATES PARTIES TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND CHINA****A FOLLOW UP TO THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

The Non-Aligned Movement that are States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention and China (NAM CWC States Parties and China), excluded Colombia and Peru who have decided to temporarily suspend their participation in the Movement, acknowledge the positive efforts of States Parties during the processes of the Fourth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (“Fourth Review Conference”). We, however, express deep regret about the non-adoption of the report owing to a lack of consensus and politicisation on some issues. We hope that this collective endeavour by States Parties during the process of the Fourth Review Conference will contribute towards the attainment of the objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention (“the Convention”).

1. With a view to maintaining the positive momentum generated during the Fourth Review Conference, the NAM CWC States Parties and China wish to propose the establishment of an Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) to identify those items contained in the Chairperson’s Report of the Proceedings of the Fourth Review Conference on which consensus is achievable and to determine the prioritisation of implementation of the identified items. The OEWG should be established and work in an inclusive and transparent manner, within the framework of the Convention. The recommendations of the OEWG should be submitted to the Executive Council (“the Council”) to be adopted by consensus, preferably at its Ninety-Second Session.
2. In light of the excellent work done by His Excellency Ambassador I Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja of Indonesia in his capacity as the Chairperson of the OEWG for the preparation for Fourth Review Conference and His Excellency Ambassador Agustin Vasquez Gómez of El Salvador as the Chairperson of the Fourth Review Conference, the NAM CWC States Parties and China would like to propose the two ambassadors as co-chairs of the above-mentioned OEWG to identify actionable items from Fourth Review Conference.

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3. Concerning the Matrix of Actionable Items identified at the Third Review Conference, the NAM CWC States Parties and China believe that it has acted as a useful reference to the work of OPCW after its Third Review Conference phase. Therefore, we are of the view that such Matrix continues as a reference until the Council adopt the recommendations of the above-mentioned OEWG.

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