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CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS**

Thank you, Mr Chairman. Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

I am honoured to address the 24th Session of the Conference of the States Parties (CSP). Allow me to congratulate you, Mr Chairman, on your election as Chair of the 24th CSP. Let me reassure you of our full support of your important work. We wish to thank your distinguished predecessor, Ambassador Yun-young Lee, for his work in chairing the 23rd CSP.

2 Singapore takes this opportunity to thank the Director-General and the Technical Secretariat for their dedication to the cause. We commend their important work in overseeing the destruction of remaining chemical weapons stockpiles and in addressing emerging threats like chemical terrorism, which remain pressing for the international community. We will do our part in this global endeavour: Singapore maintains a robust export controls regime and amended our legislation this year to further strengthen our controls on all CWC-scheduled chemicals.

3 Singapore also commends the important work of the OPCW in building capacity, not only at the technical level, but also for policy-makers and enhancing coordination among Member States. We are pleased to note the release of two updated tools for the identification of scheduled chemicals, the Handbook



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on Chemicals and the online scheduled chemicals database. We are also encouraged that work progresses on the next version of the electronic declarations tool for National Authorities, the electronic declaration information system. These, in addition to the new Centre for Chemistry and Technology, will strengthen our collective abilities to address chemical weapon threats, strengthen investigative capabilities, and enhance capacity-building activities. Singapore remains a strong supporter of such OPCW activities through our verification and analytical facilities and by hosting training courses. Next month, Singapore will be conducting the sixth run of the “Emergency Response Course to Chemical Incidents”.

4 To conclude, Singapore reiterates our firm commitment to the OPCW to implement its mandate. We urge all States Parties to also continue to do their part.

5 I thank you, Mr Chairman. I ask for this statement to be recorded as an official document and published accordingly.

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