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Mister Chairman, Director-General, Distinguished Delegates,

I wish to pay tribute to the Director-General for his tireless efforts to strengthen to position of the OPCW. Under able leadership of Amb. Fernando Arias we witness a growing leading role as the global watchdog to prohibit chemical weapon. We congratulate Director-General for his active engagement with the United Nations organs and the efforts to bring consensus back to the Organisation.

We also recognize and highly value the efforts of the Host Country to support the OPCW transition and ensuring its high position as global leader in reducing chemical threat.

I also pay tribute to Dr. Paul Walker, a true leader of the CWCC. We are proud to build the ICSS and CWCC partnership to go global on chemical safety and security and support an active role for the OPCW in this process.

The recent attacks against petrochemical infrastructure in Saudi Arabia is visible confirmation of a growing threat of misuse of chemicals and energy carriers. The threat of cyber attacks is making the threat even worse.

The threat is today coming from a few states and from the groups operating at territories not controlled by the governments and non-state actors, and from hackers. **The chemical threats are global in reach and require global responses.**

**We are outdated on the perception of chemical threat.** We still think **through a concept of use of traditional chemical weapons and concentrate efforts to stem chemical weapons proliferation and promote chemical disarmament.** While these goals are important and should be promoted, as stated in CWC, there is need to deal with the immediate problems of global expansion and access to Chemical materials and technologies and developing chemical security.

The provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention are not enough to ensure that chemicals are not used for illegal purposes. We have to exclude chemical activity from conflict and political disputes and build a global multi-stakeholder consensus that chemistry is used only for peaceful purposes. We have to develop a global action to reduce chemical threats and enhance chemical safety and security and cybersecurity.

Chemical security should be embraced – upon the OPCW initiative - as an important activity, by the relevant international organizations including NATO, INTERPOL, UNSCR 1540 Committee,

World Customs Organization. The OPCW, as global agency to reduce chemical threat should offer a global platform to enhance chemical safety and security.

These global integrated approaches have been imbedded in the International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS) – [www.iccss.eu](http://www.iccss.eu). The ICCSS is today a leader in global efforts to enhance safety and security in chemical production, storage, use, transport and waste disposal. We offer an inclusive participatory program development. We avoid divisive political concepts and language that hinder progress in nuclear and bio safety and security.

I invite the OPCW community to join the ICCSS activities in reducing chemical threats.

We offer the OPCW, what we presented at a series of side events and at the ICCSS exhibition, a series of program activities which build a practical dimension of chemical security:

- 1) ICCSS led program on cybersecurity and reliability for chemical and petrochemical plants, which could form a basis for cybersecurity best practices and capacity building for National authorities and TS Staff, including inspectors;
- 2) ICCSS developed program on local awareness and responsibility in chemical safety and security;
- 3) ICCSS developed acknowledgement on ChemFriendly in Chemical Safety and Security which enable chemistry users to confirm minimum standards in chemical safety and security;
- 4) ICCSS led regional programs on chemical safety and security, with emphasis on the Middle East;

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.