



**Statement by the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia/
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**Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies Director-General & Deputy Director-General of the OPCW
Excellencies, Dear Colleagues, Ladies, and gentlemen,**

Allow me to welcome you back, Mr. Chair, and to convey my conviction of your able stewardship toward delivering a successful outcome of this meeting. My appreciation also goes to the Director-General, Ambassador Fernando Arias for his report and commend him and his team for their commitment and continuous efforts.

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by Ambassador Jafar Huseynzada of Azerbaijan on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement that are States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention and China.

Mr. Chairperson,

Capacity building should remain as the cornerstone of international cooperation and assistance with due regard to ensure an effective implementation of Chemical Weapons Convention. States Parties and the OPCW should enhance their collective efforts to strengthen cooperation, especially in capacity building activities in the area of chemical safety and security.

My delegation commends the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW for their continuing cooperation with Indonesia, especially in convening OPCW-related events in the country. For 6 consecutive years, Indonesia has been honored to be able to host some OPCW activities, particularly the Regional Table Top Exercise (TTX) last year. Apart from hosting the Regional TTX on Chemical Emergency Response in Bali, 29 October – 1 November 2019, Indonesia also hosted the Workshop on the Chemical Supply Chain Safety and Security Management for the Member States of the OPCW in the Southeast Asia, in the city of Bogor, from 19-21 November 2019. These are the testament for Indonesia's unyielding commitment to support the efforts to promote and strengthen capacity building for State Parties. My delegation looks forward to supporting more efforts in capacity building, including by hosting related events in Indonesia.

Mr. Chairperson,

Indonesia continues to believe that the implementation of CWC should support the achievement of the SDGs. States Parties and OPCW should continue to explore all possible avenues to make the implementation of CWC, especially in promoting peaceful use of chemicals, relevant with the efforts to achieve sustainable development worldwide.

Without overlooking the fact that all men and women have key role in the efforts towards sustainable peace, development and security - the potentials of women as agents for peace, development and security remain untapped. This includes their role and potentials in the implementation of CWC, especially in the peaceful use of chemicals.

Indonesia avails itself to the continuing partnership to strengthen the role of women in the peaceful use of chemicals, and in this regard extends its highest appreciation to the DG and International Cooperation and Assistance Branch of OPCW, for choosing Indonesia to host the International Symposium on Women in Chemistry, to be held in Bali, 13-14 July 2020.

Mr. Chairperson,

On the revitalization of facilitation mechanism, on behalf of Ambassador Puja, Indonesia would like to convey our utmost appreciation to all States Parties who have shown their enthusiasms and contribute meaningfully in the consultative process. The co-facilitators have drafted a set of recommendations and have submitted it to the EC chair, for further guidance. Indonesia fervently hopes that the outcome will serve the purpose of the revitalized facilitation mechanism, to make progress, based on non-discriminatory approach and without duplicating the existing facilitations.

My delegation would also like to convey appreciation and express our support to all facilitators and TS for their effort to bringing progress to their facilitation. In this particular connection, we highlight the importance of efforts made by the facilitator of Article XI and encourage the facilitator to continue for an inclusive outreach and constructive dialogue with all States Parties.

Mr. Chairperson

On the OPCW Center for Chemical and Technology, Indonesia would like to convey its great appreciation to all States Parties who have contributed to the Project. My delegation notes with concern that significant gap remain in the funding of the Lab. We are hopeful that the Technical Secretariat will be able to find a solution for an innovative funding for

the Lab. By the same token, Indonesia wishes to call upon States Parties, in cooperation with Friends of the Lab, to look for innovative ways to mobilize more support and funding to the project.

Indonesia is also considering to contribute to the said project and shall be decided upon by our Capital.

Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation takes note with appreciation the DG's efforts to ensure the sanctity of the Organization's confidentiality. We appreciate the briefing and report by the DG on the "Independent Investigation into Possible Breaches of Confidentiality Report" which was given to States Parties on 6 February 2020. Whilst my delegation supports its conclusion, we wish to underscore the utmost importance of further strengthening the efforts to ensure such breach will not happen in the future, including through better recruitment and rehiring due process.

Mr. Chairperson

Since this is the last regular EC of this cycle, allow me seize this distinct opportunity to convey my delegation's deepest gratitude to Ambassador Perugini and all Vice Chairs of the Executive Council for their hard work and dedication that have guided us in this cycle. We hope the best for your future endeavors.

My delegation's also wish success for all the incoming EC Chair and Vice-Chairpersons. We wish you success for the year ahead and stand guided by a common principle to work together. We kindly request that this statement made an official document of this meeting and be posted on OPCW websites.

Thank you.

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