



**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
at the 94th Executive Council of the OPCW,
7-10 July 2020**

**Mr. Chairperson,
Director-General,
Excellencies, Ladies, and gentlemen,**

Firstly, we would like to congratulate and welcome Ambassador Agustin Vasquez Gomez as the Chair of EC as we share other delegations of our shared confidence under your leadership elevating the work of the esteemed Council to new heights.

We would also like to thank the Director-General, Ambassador Fernando Arias for his report and commend him and his team for their continuous commitments and efforts under this extraordinary time.

In this regard, we would also like to convey our utmost appreciation to Ambassador Andrea Perugini of Italy, for his able leadership in previous EC Chair term.

My delegation would like to associate itself with the statement by H.E. Ambassador Fikrat Akhundov, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on behalf of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement that are States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention and China.

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Under this unprecedented times, Covid-19 has continued to wreak havoc on every aspect of our lives. Nevertheless, Indonesia would like to seize this distinct opportunity to convey our greatest appreciation to all medical health workers, scientists, humanitarian workers and other front liners around the world for their selfless dedication. However, we are also reminded of the most vulnerable group around the world who also need urgent attention such as those who live in the refugee camps and conflict areas. It is our humanitarian obligation and imperative that the world come together to protect those who are most vulnerable.

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

With regards to our undertaking in the OPCW, our routine work has also been greatly impacted as we all adhere to health protocols. However, despite of the challenges we are currently facing, Indonesia believes that our works must continue, hence the need for us to creatively adapt to the situation.

In this connection, Indonesia commends the hard work of the Director-General of the OPCW, Ambassador Fernando Arias; the Chair of EC, Ambassador Agustin Vasquez Gomez; and all hard-working men and women of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW in assuring the continuity of our work, including in convening this EC-94 meeting, while adhering to the health protocols.

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Indonesia urged the OPCW and all States Parties to strive for implementing the CWC in a creative manner, especially in international cooperation and capacity building activities. In this regard, we highly appreciate the recent capacity building program held online by the Technical Secretariat for developing countries, namely the Online Regional Basic Course on Responding to Chemical Attacks and Incidents involving Toxic Chemicals for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in early June 2020.

We also appreciate all continuing facilitation processes and hope for a positive outcome. We urge all facilitators to explore creative ways to continue this process.

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Indonesia notes the first report of the IIT, as briefed by the Director-General of the OPCW and the *Investigation and Identification Team (IIT)* Coordinator, Ambassador Santiago Oñate in April 2020. Indonesia would like to reiterate its position that condemn the use of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere and under any circumstances. Indonesia rejects any attempt to politicize the operational of the IIT and urges all relevant parties to continue constructive dialogue, maintain transparency, accountability and professionalism to resolve all outstanding issues.

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Indonesia is humbled and honored to join other states parties that invest in strengthening the OPCW and in the upholding of the CWC to safeguard the world from the threats of chemical weapons through the contribution to the OPCW Center for Chemical and Technology (Chemtech Center).

This contribution is a token of Indonesia's enduring commitment to the future of the OPCW. Indonesia firmly belief that the Chemtech Center will serve to inspire young generations, including women, in the peaceful use of chemistry in particular and serve as a platform for all laboratories in pursuit of chemical development in general.

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

On the amendment to the Schedule I Annex of the Chemicals in the Chemical Weapons Convention, Indonesia is coordinating internally to make sure that our national legislation is aligned with the amendments. Indonesia appreciates the Technical Secretariat for its readiness to assist States Parties in ensuring a smooth proceeding to that effect.

Lastly, Indonesia would like to reiterate its steadfast commitment to the Chemical Weapons Convention and resolute will in assuring full and effective implementation, and fulfil its sacred goals of protecting the world from the scourge of chemical weapons.

Thank you for your attention. The Indonesian delegation kindly request that this statement be uploaded to OPCW Website and external server.