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**Statement by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Soe Lynn Han
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to the OPCW at the Ninety-Fourth Session of
the Executive Council Meeting
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**Mr. Chairman,
Mr. Director-General,
Distinguished Ambassadors and Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good Morning!

I would like to express my sincere congratulations to Ambassador H.E. Mr. Augustin Vasquez Gomez of El Salvador on your election as the Chairperson of the Executive Council of the OPCW. I am confident that under your able leadership and wisdom, this very important international organization will continue its ambition towards a world free of chemical weapons.

In order to save time for the meeting, I would like to go to the subject matter. That is to offer our support to the mutual efforts of the OPCW and Member States to make our world a safer place by getting rid of chemical weapons.

In this respect, Myanmar ratified the CWC as a non-possessor state on 7th July 2015 exactly 5 years before today and made its Initial Declaration to the OPCW in September 2015.

To effectively implement the provisions of the CWC, Government formed a National Authority on the CWC. We are also in the process of drafting the Chemical Weapons Law in line with our Constitution.

In order to ensure full implementation of the CWC, enhancing the capacities of all State Parties, particularly developing countries is important. We therefore appreciate the OPCW for its assistance in this field and we will seek appropriate technical advices from the OPCW if and when necessary.

Thank you, Excellency.
