



**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
at the 95th Executive Council of the OPCW,
6-9 October 2020**

Mr. Chairperson,

Director-General,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to welcome back Ambassador Agustin Vasquez Gomez, as the Chair of the EC, to this auspicious meeting. We convey once again our confidence in Your Excellency's leadership in stewarding the work of the esteemed council to new heights.

High appreciation also goes to the Director-General of the OPCW, Ambassador Fernando Arias, for his comprehensive report and commend him and his team for their perseverance and continuous hard work under these very trying times.

My delegation associates itself with the statement of Ambassador Fikrat Akhundov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on behalf of the NAM States Parties to the CWC and China.

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

The Indonesian delegation would like to commend the Chair of EC, DG of OPCW and his able teams in adapting to the situation and convened the successful EC-94 in July 2020. I believe that the EC-94 can be a blueprint for convening international organizations' big size meeting while adhering to health protocols.

In this regard, we applaud the convening of the EC-95 by adhering to the same set of standard and guidelines as the previous meeting. Rest assured of Indonesia's enduring support in this matter.

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Indonesia appreciates all facilitators for their hard work and convening of the facilitation processes during this inter-sessional period. We commend the Article X facilitation process and took note of TS' planned activities in this regard in the coming future. Indonesia is one of the benefitted countries in this process, both by becoming host country and participants in the past. Hopefully our cooperation with the TS will continue for the years to come.

We also support the deliberation made by the facilitator of the Article XI and call all States Parties to constructively contributing to the process. In this regard, we call regional groups that have yet to submit their candidates for the drafting committee to simplify list of ideas for the implementation of Article XI, to do so in a timely manner. Indonesia, along with China, has been approved as members of the said committee from the Asia Group.

On the 2021 budget and program, we commend the hard work of the co-facilitators and also the TS in presenting the states parties with the draft 2021 OPCW Budget and Program. Indonesia took note of the adjustment to the budget responding to the current pandemic situation, namely the establishment of the Covid-19 Variability Impact Fund. Indonesia stresses the importance of transparency and accountability, while maintaining the Zero Nominal Growth (ZNG). We also hope that, in the current restrictions and limitations, the TS can optimize the budget to hold online capacity building programs as much as possible, particularly to the developing countries.

In these challenging times, Indonesia urged the OPCW and all States Parties to implement the CWC in a creative manner, especially in the fields of International Cooperation and Assistance for developing countries. In this regard, we welcome, among others, the convening of the online Associate Program and capacity building for Francophone countries. We also call the Technical Secretariat to innovate the way for the inspection activities amidst the pandemic situation.

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Indonesia would like to reiterate its position that condemns, on strongest possible terms, the use of chemical weapons, or the use of toxic chemicals as weapons, by anyone, anywhere, under any circumstances and for whatever reasons. The OPCW and this Council holds a sacred responsibility to ensure the total elimination, proliferation and prevention of the use of chemical weapons or toxic chemicals as weapons in the future.

Indonesia wishes to reiterate its firm commitment on the achievement of total disarmament and elimination of all chemical weapons in line with the convention.

In this connection, Indonesia would like to commend the efforts and progress made so far on the elimination and destruction of the Syrian chemical weapons. Indonesia stresses the importance of the continuous cooperation between the OPCW and the Syrian Arab Republic and the use of good faith and constructive dialogue to resolve all outstanding issues.

All consultation, cooperation and fact-finding activities must be done constructively and in a transparent manner, so that it will yield a credible conclusion. Moreover, Indonesia is steadfast in its conviction that all outstanding issues regarding the investigation of possible use of chemical weapons/toxic chemical as weapons must be done within the framework of the Convention, as stated in the Article IX.

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Indonesia would like to use this opportunity to once again reiterate its steadfast commitment to the Chemical Weapons Convention, to the full and effective implementation of it, and to the sacred goals of protecting the world from re-emergence of chemical weapons.

Thank you for your kind attention. My delegation kindly request that this statement be made public and uploaded to OPCW website and external server.