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OPCW at the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Conference of the State Parties
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Mr. Chairman,

Mr. Director-General,

Distinguished Ambassadors and Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Jose Antonio Zabalgaitia Trejo of Mexico on your election as the Chairperson of the CSP-25. I am confident that under your able leadership and wisdom, this very important conference will produce fruitful outcomes. I would like to assure you of our delegation's full cooperation and support in this regard.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to pay tribute to His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Krassimir Kostov of Bulgaria for his exemplary leadership as a Chairperson of the CSP throughout the year.

In a similar vein, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Technical Secretariat and all responsible personnel from the OPCW for their comprehensive arrangements made for this Conference amid the challenges of COVID-19.

Mr. Chairman,

Myanmar aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished delegate of the Republic of Azerbaijan on behalf of the NAM CWC Members and China.

Myanmar welcomes the comprehensive report by the Director-General of the OPCW. We commend the Director-General and his team for their hard work and concerted efforts in this regard.

In order to achieve “OPCW Goal 2025: Ensuring A World Free Of Chemical Weapons,” Myanmar welcomes the efforts of the OPCW and State Parties in the destruction of declared chemical weapons stockpiles and abandoned chemical weapons.

In this respect, I would like to reiterate Myanmar’s unwavering commitment to contribute to the global cause of peace and prosperity in the light of her ratification of the CWC on 7th July 2015 and the Initial Declaration to the OPCW in September 2015.

As part of reporting requirements of a State Party to the CWC, Myanmar has recently submitted its ADPA 2019 Report to the OPCW.

With the special aim to implement the CWC more effectively at the national level, the Government of Myanmar is making all-out efforts to materialize a National Chemical Weapons Law at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Chairman,

In order to ensure full implementation and compliance of the CWC, enhancing capacity of all State Parties, particularly developing countries like Myanmar, is of paramount importance.

At this point, we are doing necessary coordination to be able to organize some online capacity-building programmes for officials concerned of Myanmar in the near future, thanks to the OPCW’s kind offer and cooperation as such.

We believe these trainings will practically strengthen Myanmar’s technical and legislative capacities thereby enabling it to implement the CWC in a more efficient manner.

Furthermore, Myanmar, as a responsible member of the OPCW, stands ready to continue constructive cooperation not only with the OPCW but also with our fellow State Parties on bilateral context in accordance with the Convention so as to make concerted contributions to our common goal of creating the world a peaceful and prosperous home to the whole mankind.

I thank you.
