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OPCW AT THE NINETY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson,
Mr Director-General,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Armenia once again would like to reiterate its support to the efforts of the international community to exclude completely the possibility of use of chemical weapons or related hazardous materials, through the implementation of the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Meanwhile, we would also like to emphasise that the further discordance and the deepening of the politicisation within the Organisation remains a matter of high concern. The previous and some of the current developments do not seem to add up to the consensus-based policy-making process, neither prove themselves to be contributing to the common goal of establishing mutually beneficial cooperation among all the States Parties.

In this regard, Armenia advocates for impartial, credible, and transparent investigation of any case of use of chemical weapons or related hazardous materials, as well as adherence to the established mechanisms and procedures under the Convention and its Annexes.

We strongly believe that the Organisation should remain a technical body and call upon the States Parties to refrain from actions serving as a boost for further discrepancy and undermining mutual trust.

In closing, Mr Chairperson, I request that this statement be circulated as an official document of the Ninety-Fifth Session of the Executive Council and be posted on the website of the OPCW.

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