

Conference of the States Parties  
Organisation for the Prohibition of  
Chemical Weapons  
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*Subject: ICCA Support for the CWC on the Occasion of its 25<sup>th</sup> Session*

Dear Mr. Chairperson, Ambassador José Zabalgaitia Trejo, dear Director General  
Ambassador Arias, Distinguished Delegates and Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the Council Secretary of the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA), I am  
pleased to reiterate our industry's strong support for the Chemical Weapons Convention  
(CWC) on the occasion of the 25th session of the Conference of States Parties (CSP).  
Undertaking this session during the global COVID-19 pandemic is a significant achievement,  
which we support and applaud.

ICCA's support for the purpose and objectives of the CWC remains unwavering, especially as  
the global chemicals industry has contributed to pandemic response around the world. The  
relevance of the CWC and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)  
is more critical than ever, even if the destruction of existing stockpiles of chemical weapons is  
nearing its completion. The chemical industry and the States Parties to the CWC share a  
mutual interest in seeing that the international norms established by the CWC are applied fully  
by all governments.

ICCA and its member associations particularly appreciate the commitment of the CSP to  
regularly engage the chemical industry and scientific organizations. Your decision several  
years ago to extend industry a standing invitation to address the CSP plenary is an important  
indication of your continued interest in partnering with the chemical industry to promote the  
Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and ensure that chemistry is used only for legitimate,  
peaceful purposes.

As the world addresses and recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, I can assure you of the  
continued support of the ICCA for your work in implementing the CWC fully and effectively.  
We will continue our efforts to provide capacity building on general best practices, consistent  
with the terms of the CWC. We look forward to engaging with the CSP and OPCW staff  
virtually in the near future and in person when conditions allow.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO, American Chemistry Council

