TURKEY

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY TO THE OPCW AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES IN RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Turkey categorically rejects the unfounded allegations contained in the statement of the Republic of Armenia.

Armenia’s allegations are not only baseless, but they also contain false elements that are irrelevant to the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Armenia’s fabrication and circulation of the baseless claims in its national statement appears as an effort to disguise illegal actions in the conflict and its illegal occupation of the Azerbaijani territory Nagorno Karabakh, which lasted for almost 30 years, despite the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions 822, 853, 874, and 884 (1993). Turkey extended moral support to Azerbaijan, emanating from the fact that Azerbaijan stood on the right side of international law.

Turkey condemns Armenia’s disinformation campaign and illegal actions during the conflict in the strongest possible terms, including its futile effort to distort the truth and its vile attacks directed against civilian population including children, the young, and the elderly without discrimination, which amounted to serious war crimes.

Turkey is firmly convinced that this august Conference of the States Parties should not be abused by irresponsible deception attempts.