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**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF
LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES PARTIES
TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
DELIVERED BY H.E. AMBASSADOR PAULO ROBERTO CAMINHA DE
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REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL TO THE OPCW
AT THE NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson,

I speak on behalf of the States Parties from the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC), in my capacity as coordinator of this regional group.

We thank the Secretariat for the preparation of the document EC-97/DG.9, entitled “Annual Report on the Composition of the Technical Secretariat”, and we note with concern that the trend of unequal geographical distribution of the staff has been deepened in the last year. It is worrisome that GRULAC nationals, which amounted to only 6.3% in the last report, have been further reduced to 5.8% in the total composition of the Technical Secretariat’s personnel.

We urge the Technical Secretariat to address this issue, by paying due regard to the importance of recruiting the staff on a wide geographical basis, as mandated by Article VIII, paragraph 44 of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Thank you.

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