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TO THE OPCW AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 9(D)**

Mr Chairperson,
Director-General,
Distinguished delegates,

At this point of the discussions, I mainly echo the comments already made by many States Parties and the European Union within the general debate.

It is beyond any doubt that we, the States Parties, must take the necessary steps to defend the Chemical Weapons Convention (“the Convention”) and send a clear and strong signal to those violating its core principles and commitments. There is no acceptance for the use of chemical weapons.

Our message for today and for the future should be as follows:

First, that we support the implementation of the Convention and expect every State Party to fully observe it; second, that we support the OPCW and its Director-General in their efforts in this regard; and third, that we support the whole chemical disarmament and non-proliferation regime.

For the above-mentioned reasons Poland has decided to co-sponsor the submitted draft decision and calls upon other States Parties to support it.

Thank you.

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