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**STATE OF PALESTINE**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE TO THE  
OPCW AT THE NINETY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
IN SUPPORT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE BOLIVARIAN  
REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA**

Mr Chairperson,

The State of Palestine wishes to reiterate that the OPCW's legal scope is limited to what is provided within the Chemical Weapons Convention ("the Convention"). Any attempts to impose political agendas and include issues that are outside the scope of the provisions and principles enshrined in the Convention must be emphatically rejected.

The Permanent Representation of the State of Palestine reaffirms its support for the OPCW and its mandate of strengthening international security through the prevention of the use of chemistry in warfare. To this end, we urge States Parties to ensure that the fulfilment of the mandate remains the focus of the work of the Organisation, and that any other irrelevant matters do not detract from the fulfilment of the mandate, including challenging the legitimacy of government representations.

The State of Palestine thus reiterates its support for the current Permanent Representation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela that represents of the legitimate government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The State of Palestine hereby requests that this statement be circulated as an official document of the Ninety-Sixth Session of the Executive Council and posted on the public and external website of the OPCW.

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