

**MEXICO****STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES
TO THE OPCW AT THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
EXPLANATION OF VOTE**

1. Explanation of vote in favour of the draft decision recommended by the Ninety-Eighth Session of the Executive Council on the biennial Draft Programme and Budget for 2022 – 2023.

After analysing the Draft Programme and Budget for the 2022 – 2023 biennium that was submitted for the approval of this Conference, Mexico had mixed feelings. On the one hand, my Government finds it necessary to act in accordance with the zero nominal-growth policy that is generally applied at all international organisations where it is a member. Yet at the same time, we are aware that developing a biennial draft programme and budget marks progress that necessitates the approval of an increase in line with our goals, and that will make it possible to effectively execute the budget. Without a doubt, having witnessed the austerity with which the Director-General manages resources helped us make our decision.

Mexico firmly believes that the Organisation must have the necessary resources to meet its objectives, which is why Mexico decided to support this draft decision and vote in favour of it.

2. Explanation of vote on the draft decision on an “Understanding on the Use of Aerosolised Central Nervous System-Acting Chemicals for Law Enforcement Purposes”. Mexico voted in favour, with a view to supporting discussion and future analysis.

The Government of Mexico has for a long time now followed, carefully and with interest, the discussion on the use of aerosolised central nervous system-acting chemicals for law enforcement purposes. Mexico’s vote in favour of the draft decision is based on our firm belief that this is an area that ought to be regulated for public health reasons.

Since the Mexican delegation has actively participated and closely followed these discussions, we have been able to identify the valuable elements expressed by different delegations of States Parties that were not able to support the proposal and that voted against or abstained from the vote. Mexico believes that this should not be the end of the discussion of this matter and that said elements ought to be considered in order to define and broaden the analysis of dual-purpose chemicals that should be regulated, controlled, and for which there should be recommendations against usage in institutional mechanisms for the maintenance of public security.



Mexico believes that there is still room to work on this issue, and that it should be the topic of greater analysis and discussion. This is why my delegation is more than willing to continue participating in discussions with the aim of identifying common ground and restoring a path to consensus in order to meet the principles and objectives of the Convention.

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