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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
TO THE OPCW AT THE 100TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson,
Mr Director-General,
Ladies and gentlemen,

The delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to Her Excellency Ambassador Eniola Olaitan Ajayi of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for her efforts and able steering of the Ninety-Ninth Session of the Executive Council. The delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia expresses its profound thanks and sincere gratitude for the support provided by the Asian Group of Member States that are States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention and members of the Executive Council, through the election of His Excellency Ambassador Ziad Bin Maashi Al Atiyah of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the OPCW as Chairperson of the Executive Council for 2022-2023.

The delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the OPCW is pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention on the 25th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention, which is considered the most successful disarmament convention to date. That success would not have been possible without the efforts of the States Parties to the Convention that were keen on implementing the Convention's provisions and obligations, participating actively in the work of the OPCW organs, such as the Conference of the States Parties and the Executive Council, and cooperating continuously and efficiently with the Technical Secretariat. Furthermore, the Convention would not have been successful without the efforts made by the Technical Secretariat to achieve the objectives of the Convention that fall within its mandate in a skilful, professional, and transparent manner.

Convinced of the objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia attaches great importance to implementing its obligations under the Convention, in keeping with its consistent policy aimed at promoting cooperation on the prohibition and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, including making the Middle East region free of all weapons of mass destruction.

The delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the OPCW stresses that the use of chemical weapons and toxic chemicals as weapons anywhere, by anyone, and under any circumstances is deplorable, reprehensible, and completely inconsistent with the provisions of the Convention. In this regard, the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the OPCW reiterates the Kingdom's support for all efforts made by the Technical Secretariat to carry out



its duties as required by the Chemical Weapons Convention, with a view to ensuring its implementation.

In conclusion, the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the OPCW requests that this statement be considered an official document of this session and posted on the external and public websites of the OPCW.

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