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STATEMENT ON CHEMICAL TERRORISM BY DOORS NGO: Mrs. Dora Abotsi

Mr. Chairman, Secretary-General, Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Terrorist attack occurrences are on the increase in recent times in the West African Sub-Region (the location of our organization and my country Ghana).

This disturbing situation poses a serious security threat and a worried situation. We in the rural settings are greatly alarmed not losing sight of our social economic vulnerability as local settlers. The bothering concerns of this organization therefore are of the fear that, the Terrorist might in one of their unexpected strikes, resort to the use of chemical or biological weapons. Should this unfortunately happen, the lives of the entire living things will be dangerously affected not sparing the environment? The clear example is the case of the ongoing war (invasion), between Russia and Ukraine with constant imminent threat by Russia to apply chemical weapons.

It is based on this that our organization is solidly in support of the work of the Chemical Weapon Convention (CWC), which aims to completely eradicate and abolish chemical weapons entirely.

Our organization is delighted the civil society community has joined this cause and glad that we have been actively involved in this common agenda. The international community on their part should up their efforts in such manner. Both chemical and biological weapons should never ever be tolerated. There should be enhanced policies in the fight on this front.

We at the organization are of the view that local communities should be pre-educated to be abreast on practical measures to apply should chemical or biological weapons be unleashed to prevent extensive bodily damages.

Terrorists' activities like any other bodies take precedent from formidable bodies hence; they may result to follow the example of chemical weapons application in the Syrian unrest that caused huge destruction in all spheres of human lives.

Access to chemical and biological weapons to these illicit associations must be strictly curtailed, monitored and supervised in order not to make it easily available to them.

The organization envisages, terrorist groups ceases the opportunity of the poor economic standards of the youth in our rural dwellings and enlist them into their groups to boost their strength and inspire their concealed sponsors, draw further funding.