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**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
DELIVERED BY H.E. AMBASSADOR KATEŘINA SEQUENSOVÁ
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO THE OPCW
AT THE 101ST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 10(L)**

Mr Chairperson,

I speak on behalf of the European Union.

The European Union has noted with great concern the information provided by Director-General Arias that the Technical Secretariat will face a high turnover in the Inspectorate Division in 2023 which will affect its operational capacity. The situation underlines the urgent need for amending the OPCW tenure policy in the context of the Fifth Review Conference with a view to improving the Technical Secretariat's ability to maintain key expertise required to ensure the continued implementation of the Convention. As an interim measure, a new decision on the rehiring of inspectors is warranted.

I would kindly ask you to consider this statement as an official document and post it on the OPCW external server and public website.

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