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OF THE STATES PARTIES**

Mr Chairperson,

At the outset, allow me to join other delegations in extending our sincere felicitations to H.E. Ambassador Vusimuzi Madonsela of South Africa as the newly elected Chairperson of this year's Conference of the States Parties. We are confident that your able stewardship will contribute greatly to the success of our deliberations. As in previous sessions of the conference, please be assured of my delegation's full support and cooperation as we look forward to a favourable and productive session.

We also would like to pay tribute to your predecessor, the Chairperson of the Twenty-Sixth Session of the Conference of the States Parties, H.E. Ambassador Bård Ivar Svendsen of Norway and applaud him for his exceptional work and successful steering of the last conference.

I would like to thank Director-General Fernando Arias, for his statement and commend him and his team for the commitment and efforts they have made in the implementation of the Convention.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by Azerbaijan on behalf of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement that are States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention and China.

The Indonesian delegation warmly notes the undertakings made to this Convention in fostering peace and security. A world free of chemical weapons is our shared objective and the Convention has reached a near universality. This is reflected in the wide and strong support for its objectives in the prohibition of chemical weapons and its initiatives in strengthening international cooperation among its Member States to promote peaceful uses of chemistry. It is indeed our sincere hope that a goal of true universalisation of the Chemical Weapons Convention ("the Convention") can be realised in the near future.

Besides the universal adherence to the Convention and more effective multilateral cooperation, improving national implementation of the Convention is also an important element needed for meeting current challenges posed by chemical weapons, including the spectre of chemical terrorism, and the misuse of toxic materials as weapons. A comprehensive approach to national implementation under Article VII of the Convention is certainly relevant to addressing chemical terrorism, including ensuring the accountability of non-State actors. Achieving a



world free of chemical weapons, therefore, should include accountability for whoever is responsible for deplorable actions in the use of chemical weapons.

Indonesia, therefore, reiterates its strong opposition to the use of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere and under any circumstances. It is reprehensible and a completely flagrant violation of the Convention and all norms of international law.

Indonesia remains firm in its commitment to the Convention in ensuring the total prohibition of chemical weapons globally, enhancing cooperation on the management of chemicals, ensuring security and safety in the use of chemicals, and encouraging cooperation and collaboration in peaceful development of the chemical industry.

Mr Chairperson, Indonesia attaches great importance to the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of the Convention. In this regard, we will continue to support the Technical Secretariat's efforts and programmes in the implementation of the Convention, including strengthening the implementation of Article XI on economic and technological activities. Therefore, we must ensure the fullest possible exchange of chemicals, equipment, scientific and technical information for the peaceful uses of chemistry.

Indonesia appreciates the efforts made by the Article XI facilitator and welcomes the continuation of constructive dialogues with all States Parties.

Moreover, Indonesia also attaches great importance to the efforts to promote international cooperation and assistance. Effective international cooperation and assistance, which constitutes the highest political relevance to the objectives of the Convention, will have a positive impact on the full implementation and enhancement of universality of the Convention.

Whilst noting the OPCW biennial Draft Programme and Budget for 2022–2023, Indonesia wishes to highlight that international cooperation and capacity building programmes should remain as the cornerstone of international cooperation and assistance with due regard to ensure an effective implementation of the Convention. States Parties and the OPCW should enhance their collective efforts to strengthen cooperation, especially in capacity building activities in the area of chemical safety and security. Meanwhile, we should also consider means of strengthening our Organisation to deal with on-going and future challenges together.

Under the currently more challenging financial conditions, my delegation believes that the Draft Revised Programme and Budget for 2023 is well adjusted and carefully addressed in the most effective and efficient manner without imposing a much heavier burden on the States Parties.

My delegation takes note with great interest on the advancement of the Centre for Chemistry and Technology, expected to be operational next year in 2023. We look forward to a renewed energy as the rise of the ChemTech Centre would serve as our heightened representation of international cooperation in the peaceful use of chemistry.

With regard to geographical representation, we commend the OPCW for its continued efforts in promoting gender parity at the professional/technical level and also encourage that the application of equitable geographical representation could be achieved as well. In line with that, my delegation would like to see an increase in the geographical representation of the staff of the Secretariat as mandated under the Article VIII paragraph 44, particularly for talents from developing countries to gain wider exposure in the field of their expertise.

Indonesia commends H.E. Ambassador Lauri Kuusing of Estonia for the excellent preparatory work made as Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Fifth Review Conference. Let me echo and once again and reiterate the importance of the principle of consensus amongst States Parties. It is therefore of the utmost importance that States Parties should have mutual trust, much stronger political will, and resolute efforts based on good faith for the full implementation of the Convention and the vital roles the Organisation will play in the future.

In closing, let me echo the distinguished speakers before me in conveying our full cooperation to you for the success of this Conference.

I would like to request that this statement be published as an official document of the Conference of the States Parties and be posted on both external server and the public website.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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