

## INDONESIA

### STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR MAYERFAS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA TO THE OPCW AT THE FIFTH REVIEW CONFERENCE THE HAGUE, 15-19 MAY 2023

1. Let me begin by congratulating Chairperson, Ambassador Cor van der Kwast, and wishing you an effectual leadership at this Conference.
2. Our appreciation goes to the Director-General Fernando Arias, for the presentation of his comprehensive report.
3. Our appreciation also goes to Ambassador Lauri Kuusing of Estonia for his tireless efforts as Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of this Conference.
4. Indonesia associates itself with the statement made by Azerbaijan on behalf of NAM and China, as well as the statement delivered by Malaysia on behalf of the ASEAN.
5. Further to the above-mentioned statements, I would like to take this opportunity to outline my message and to address this esteemed body in a national capacity.
6. Indonesia views the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapon (OPCW) as its organ, remain the most effective instrument in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation.
7. Today's threat towards international peace and security continues to exist, as the risk of proliferation of chemical weapons and toxic chemicals being used as a weapon by both State and non-State actors, remains viable.
8. It is therefore a must for us to achieve at least four things towards the outcome of this Conference.

First, to maintain confidence in the system where safety and security against chemical weapons is ensured.

Second, to ensure the possibility of receiving the benefit from the full exchange of chemistry for peaceful purposes, that is essential to the economic and technological development of all States Parties.

Third, to strengthen the OPCW to deal with on-going and future challenges, together with the priority of the complete destruction of all categories of chemical weapons.

Fourth, to strengthen international cooperation and assistance as well as facilitation of peaceful uses of chemistry for purposes not prohibited under the Convention is essential.

9. My delegation believes that the destruction of all categories of chemical weapons under strict verification regime should be continued as a top priority, improved, and adapted in response to advances in science and technology.
10. May I reiterate our long - standing principle that Indonesia has no interest in possessing, producing, developing or using chemical weapons.

11. In this regard, Indonesia draws examples, among others, as a showcase of our commitment to the CWC.

First, our national legislation fully complements to the implementation of the CWC.

Second, we have completed satisfactory results in the conduct of verification and inspections in various industrial sites in Indonesia.

Third, Indonesia continuously promote CWC, in the national and regional settings, through tailor-made capacity building programs and chemical management activities, in cooperation with the OPCW Secretariat.

12. I wish to conclude by expressing my delegation's readiness to engage constructively with all the State Parties for the successful outcome of this Conference.

13. 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.

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