



Statement by Norway at the 5th Review Conference of the of the Chemical Weapons' Convention. Agenda Item Any Other Business. Delivered by Ambassador Bård Ivar Svendsen

Mr Chair.

Norway aligns itself with the statement made by Sweden on behalf of the European Union.

Norway joins others in extending warm thanks to you personally, Mr Chair; to the Chair of the Committee of the Whole, the Ambassador of Mexico; and to the Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group, the Ambassador of Estonia, for your tireless efforts throughout this conference and during the months of its preparation.

Norway deeply regrets the fact that we were unable to adopt a final document, despite the consensus that was achieved on the majority of the topics covered. We gratefully recognise the many constructive contributions from a large number of delegations across all regional groups. We regret the fact that a small number of states did not display the necessary flexibility which would have been necessary to reach consensus.

Mr. Chair.

It is now time for us to look forward.

Our joint efforts to rid the world of chemical weapons will and must continue. Norway remains confident that the substance discussed during this conference will receive all necessary follow-up as much of this work lies in the able hands of the Technical Secretariat.

I kindly request that this statement is considered an official document and published on Catalyst and the OPCW website.

Thank you.