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OPCW AT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE
STATES PARTIES
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 18**

Mr Chairperson,

Among the pressing tasks we have at hand is the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of the provisions of Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention, which stipulates international cooperation in the field of peaceful chemistry and the removal of barriers to the economic and technological development of all countries.

Yet the statements expressing support for efforts under Article XI should be upheld with real actions—and not based on selective approaches. We would recall that in line with Article XI, the provisions of the Convention “shall be implemented in a manner which avoids hampering the economic or technological development of States Parties, and international cooperation in the field of chemical activities for purposes not prohibited under this Convention including the international exchange of scientific and technical information and chemicals and equipment for the production, processing, or use of chemicals for purposes not prohibited under this Convention”.

However, the United States and its allies continue to impose unlawful, unilateral sanctions on the States Parties they find undesirable, including in the field of the chemical industry.

The Russian Federation pointed out long ago that 300,000 tonnes of Russian fertiliser was detained at European ports, and it proposed transferring it free of charge to African countries in need, but the European Union has not responded.

This kind of policy is a blatant violation of the provisions of Article XI of the Convention. We call upon all States Parties to fully uphold their obligations under the Convention—not only in words, but in deeds.

I request that this statement be circulated as an official document of the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference of the States Parties and published on the Catalyst platform and the OPCW website.

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