



STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
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Agenda item 9 –Annual Report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2022

I have the honour of speaking on behalf of the European Union.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Annual Report is a factual description of the activities of the Organisation in 2022 by the Technical Secretariat. The report should therefore be considered by the Executive Council as it stands today and submitted for adoption by the CSP-28.

The European Union considers that any attempt to introduce changes to this factual report equals to censorship.

The Candidate Countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro and Ukraine, the potential candidate country Georgia as well as the EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the EEA (European Economic Area) align themselves with this statement. Andorra, Monaco and San Marino also associate themselves with this statement.

I would kindly ask you to consider this statement as an official document of the 103rd session of the Executive Council and post it on the OPCW external server and public website.

Thank you.

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