



Statement of:

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**Mr. Chairperson,
His Excellency the Director General,
Your Excellencies heads of delegations,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

On behalf of the Kingdom of Bahrain, I would first like to extend my congratulations to His Excellency Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, on his election as Chairperson of this session of the conference, and I am fully confident that his experiences and skills will help in the success of the work of this session and achieve the desired goals and objectives of the agreement.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the chairperson of the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of States Parties, His Excellency Ambassador Vusimuzi Madonsela, representative of South Africa, for his professional and efficient management of the conference's work, in addition to His Excellency Director General of the Organization, Ambassador Fernando Arias, for his distinguished efforts and all those working in the Technical Secretariat of the organization, for their continuous and constructive cooperation with the Kingdom of Bahrain in the realm of prohibiting weapons of mass destruction, represented through the National Committee for the Prohibition of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

The Kingdom of Bahrain would also like to express its adherence to the statement of the Non-Aligned Movement countries and China, which was submitted by the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Kingdom of Bahrain welcomes the historic event this year of the complete elimination of all declared stockpiles of chemical weapons, and all the efforts being made to achieve this goal. The holding of this session also comes in exceptional circumstances since the world is currently witnessing wars that threaten human life and lead to the loss of innocent lives and the environment. It has become necessary for the international community to come together to implement international law and international humanitarian law to protect civilians and those affected, and to achieve international peace and security, which is the primary goal of the United Nations Charter.

One of the primary pillars of the Kingdom of Bahrain's foreign policies is to support security and stability in the region, and it always emphasizes its firm positions in calling for the creation of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction, as such weapons continue to a concern human societies despite international efforts to prevent its spread.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to agreements on the prohibition of weapons of mass destruction is a result of the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa through the reform project and directives to complete a system of specialized legislation that prohibits the use of weapons of mass destruction and encourages strengthening the role of the relevant regulatory authorities to enforce these agreements.

The National Committee for the Prohibition of Weapons of Mass Destruction also holds a prominent role through effective participation in relevant regional and international meetings and training courses, to develop the capabilities of national calibers concerned with the implementation of the convention, as well as the implementation of the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions.

Mr. Chairperson,

The opening of the new Centre for Chemistry and Technology is a prominent example of the aspiration of OPCW countries to establish a technical center that would significantly enhance the OPCW's ability to prevent the re-emergence of chemical weapons in the future. The Kingdom of Bahrain also emphasizes the importance of the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the strengthening of international cooperation in using chemicals for peaceful purpose, which constitutes a priority for many developing countries that aspire to develop their chemical industries and economies.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairperson,

I wish you all the success of the conference.

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