

The International Chemicals Councils Associations (ICCA) is pleased to continue to support the 28th Convention of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), convened from 28 Nov through 1 December 2023 in The Hague. This high-level Convention provides an invaluable platform for States Parties to reaffirm their commitment to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Recognizing the importance of the Chemical Weapons Convention as a cornerstone of international efforts to prevent the use and spread of chemical weapons, ICCA commends the States Parties for their continued dedication to the principles enshrined in this universal treaty. The Convention is a testament to the international community's resolve to eliminate the threat posed by chemical weapons and promote a world free from their proliferation.

ICCA underscores the significance of fostering cooperation between States Parties and the Chemicals Industry Operators, supporting efficient verification in their regions, encouraging the exchange of information and expertise to enhance the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. We acknowledge the crucial role played by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in facilitating these interactions and ensuring the continued effectiveness of the Convention.

The global chemicals industry, through realization of ICCA Responsible Care Principles, is committed to promoting the responsible and ethical use of chemicals. We emphasize the importance of supporting international initiatives, such as the Chemical Weapons Convention, that contribute to a more secure and stable future for all Nations.

In recognition of the 28<sup>th</sup> Convention of States Parties, the ICCA encourages all participating States Parties to maintain universal cooperation. We are confident that the outcomes of this Convention will further strengthen the global resolve to uphold the principles of the Chemical Weapons Convention and contribute to a safer and more secure world.

ICCA appreciates the fruitful deliberations of the upcoming Convention and continues its readiness to contribute actively to the collective efforts aimed at realizing the objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Sincerely,



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