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Statement in support for the delegation of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Conference of States Parties

The State of Palestine wishes reiterate that the OPCW's legal scope is limited to what is provided within the Convention. Any attempts to impose political agendas and include issues that are outside the scope of the provisions and principles enshrined in the Chemical Weapons Convention must be emphatically rejected.

The Permanent Representation of The State of Palestine reaffirms its support for the OPCW and its mandate of strengthening international security through the prevention of the use of chemistry in warfare. To this end, we urge States Parties to ensure that the fulfillment of the mandate remains the focus of the work of the organization, and that any other irrelevant matters do not detract from the fulfillment of the mandate, including challenging the legitimacy of government representations.

The State of Palestine thus reiterates its support for the current Permanent Representation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela that represents of the legitimate government of Venezuela.

- *I request that this statement be circulated as an official document and be posted on the public and external website of the OPCW.*