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Mexico: Statement by H.E. Ambassador Carmen Moreno Toscano, Permanent Representative of the United Mexican States to the OPCW, at the 67th Session of the Executive Council under the Agenda Item, General Debate.

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Mr. President:

My delegation extends its best wishes for the fruitful conduct of the work of this session of the Executive Council. We take this valuable opportunity to reaffirm, once again, Mexico's unwavering commitment to the principles that guide our foreign policy, firmly rooted in our Constitution.

These principles include the self-determination of peoples, nonintervention, the peaceful settlement of disputes, the proscription of the threat or use of force in international relations, the legal equality of States, international cooperation for development, and the tireless pursuit of international peace and security.

In this regard, we continue to reiterate our call to continue efforts for sustainable peace in the Middle East.

Mexico reiterates its deep conviction in dialogue and multilateralism as the most effective tools to address the complex challenges facing our world. We firmly believe that only through genuine cooperation and mutual respect can we forge a safer and more stable future for all.

Our country emphasizes the crucial importance of the unrestricted compliance with international law, particularly the Chemical Weapons Convention, by all its parties.

This instrument is not only a fundamental pillar of international law but also an eloquent testament to the collective will of the global community to eradicate one of the most inhumane weapons ever conceived.

The full implementation and universalization of the Convention are, without a doubt, essential to preserve international peace and security, and to prevent any risk of humanitarian or environmental catastrophe that could result from the use or proliferation of these weapons.

Mr. President,

Mexico strongly calls on all States Parties to the Convention to strengthen the Organization and ensure that its mandate is fulfilled with maximum effectiveness and without falling into politicization. It is crucial that we maintain a unified and constructive approach, always focused on the OPCW's agenda and the objectives imposed on us by the Convention.

We reaffirm our full willingness to continue actively collaborating with all Member States to advance the noble cause of a world definitively free of chemical weapons. International peace and security are shared responsibilities that demand our constant vigilance and unwavering commitment.

A safer and more peaceful world can only be founded on law, international cooperation, and solidarity; not on weapons, much less on weapons of mass destruction, or on the use of force.

Thank you very much.