

MIKTA JOINT STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
AGENDA ITEM 21: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Chairperson, Mr Director General, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of MIKTA Countries: Mexico, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Republic of Türkiye, and Australia.

MIKTA countries remain unwavering in their support for the full and effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). We commend the Director-General, Technical Secretariat (TS) and States Parties for supporting the OPCW's crucial mission.

Under Korea's leadership as chair, MIKTA continues to focus on three thematic priorities that reflect both our shared strengths and global responsibilities: Peacebuilding, Youth Engagement, and Accelerated Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. This statement focusses on the first priority: Peacebuilding.

MIKTA countries voice our profound concern over the multifaceted challenges confronting the international community, including widening divisions, within and among countries, and escalating humanitarian crises. These issues threaten regional and global stability and are putting pressure on the multilateral system's ability to respond. As one of the most successful disarmament organisations, the OPCW plays a crucial role in global peace and security.

In line with our efforts, the year 2025 offers a unique opportunity to shape the peacebuilding agenda, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the Geneva Protocol, the UN Peacebuilding Architecture Review (PBAR), the 25th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security, and the 10th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security..

Recognising that the impacts of conflict and humanitarian crises are gendered, MIKTA recommits to promoting and protecting the human rights of all women and girls in conflict and post-conflict situations and to ensuring the full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership of women in all peace processes, in line with our obligations under the Women, Peace and Security agenda. We encourage the OPCW and States Parties to support these objectives and to empower women and youth in conflict-affected regions.

MIKTA countries will continue to play an active role in supporting international cooperation and capacity building to enhance the implementation of the CWC. We encourage the OPCW and States Parties to foster collaboration and the exchange of best practices.

Encouraged by our shared commitment to democracy, upholding international law and promoting multilateralism and international cooperation, we will serve as a positive force in addressing these shared global challenges. Thank you.