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# Statement of the Kingdom of Bahrain before the Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention

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Mr. Director General,

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Kingdom of Bahrain, I am honoured to extend our sincere congratulations to His Excellency Ambassador Agustín Vásquez Gómez, Permanent Representative of the Republic of El Salvador to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, on his election as Chairperson of the Thirtieth Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention, wishing him success in leading the work of this session in a manner that contributes to achieving the Convention's objectives and strengthening the spirit of international cooperation.

We also commend the distinguished efforts made by His Excellency Ambassador Amir Sahaovic during his Chairmanship of the previous session, which was characterized by wisdom and high competence that contributed to its success.

We would also like to express our deep appreciation to His Excellency Mr. Fernando Arias, Director-General of the Organization, and to the Technical Secretariat team for their dedicated efforts and the technical and professional support they provide, which strengthens the implementation of the Convention and reinforces constructive cooperation among States Parties.

We also congratulate Her Excellency Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior Marter, Ambassador of Switzerland to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, on her election to assume the position of Director-General of the Organization, with sincere wishes for her success in leading its efforts during the upcoming phase.

Furthermore, my country's delegation affirms its full support for the statement issued on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, presented by the Republic of Uganda.

This session convenes at a time when the world is witnessing rapid transformations and interconnected challenges affecting the disarmament and non-proliferation system. It is international opportunity the community's to renew commitment to unity of position in preserving the Convention's achievements and continuing joint work to build a safer world free from chemical weapons. The Kingdom of Bahrain views this Conference as a pivotal platform for strengthening cooperation based on mutual trust and transparency, and consolidating constructive dialogue as a means to address outstanding issues in a spirit of shared responsibility and mutual respect.

### Mr. Chairperson,

The Kingdom of Bahrain believes that safeguarding the Convention's objectives can only be achieved through balanced collective action that combines developing verification and control mechanisms with ensuring the safe and sound use of chemical materials for peaceful purposes that serve humanity and support scientific and technical progress. In this context, the Kingdom values the efforts made by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in training and capacity-building, which enable Member States to manage chemical materials safely and responsibly, and enhance their ability to face future challenges related to scientific and technological development.

The National Committee for the Prohibition of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Kingdom of Bahrain has formed the fundamental pillar for developing an integrated national system of legislation and oversight to ensure full compliance with the Chemical Weapons Convention, reflecting the Kingdom's firm commitment to international standards in this field.

The Committee has also worked to strengthen partnerships with the industrial sector and academic institutions and develop national competencies in chemical safety and risk management, ensuring the transformation of legal obligations into effective practical practices that embody the spirit and objectives of the Convention.

Achieving security and stability in the Middle East requires a genuine and collective commitment to the principle of comprehensive disarmament, and serious efforts to ensure the removal of all weapons of mass destruction from the region, including chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons. The Kingdom of Bahrain reaffirms its steadfast support for this goal, based on its belief that regional and global peace can only be achieved through full adherence to the relevant international conventions and by strengthening multilateral cooperation in this field.

## Mr. Chairperson,

The Kingdom of Bahrain reaffirms its commitment to continuing constructive cooperation with the Technical Secretariat and all States Parties, and its constant readiness to contribute to everything that would strengthen the implementation of the Convention and support international peace and security.

In conclusion, I wish this Conference every success, and request that this statement be circulated as an official document of this Conference and published on the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons website.

Peace be upon you and God's mercy and blessings.