



Embajada de la República Dominicana ante el Reino de los Países Bajos

NATIONAL STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR CARLOS DE LA MOTA, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS,
30TH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES.

The delegation of the Dominican Republic welcomes H.E. Agustín Vásquez Gómez, Ambassador of El Salvador, in his capacity as President of the 30th Session of the Conference of States Parties.

We express our full confidence in successfully conducting the work of this session. We also wish to convey our sincere gratitude to the Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Ambassador Fernando Arias, for his comprehensive report and for the extraordinary leadership he has exercised at the head of this organization. His vision, integrity, and ability to unite States around common goals have left an indelible mark on the history of the OPCW and on the promotion of international peace and security.

Mr. President:

1. The Government of the Dominican Republic endorses the joint declaration on gender presented by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon. We reiterate the importance of continuing to promote efforts that guarantee inclusive participation and gender balance both in the area of disarmament and throughout the entire structure of the organization.
2. Likewise, we reaffirm our firm commitment to the principles of the Chemical Weapons Convention, which, through the OPCW, have proven essential for the international community to continue diligently and resolutely defining its implementation in accordance with common peace-oriented objectives. In this regard, the effective implementation of the convention requires continued efforts to collaborate with all relevant stakeholders, including the scientific community and the academic sector, and we therefore urge States that are not yet party to the convention to ratify or accede to it without delay and without preconditions.
3. We wish to emphasize the importance we attach to promoting international cooperation and assistance for the benefit of States Parties, as well as strengthening scientific and academic partnerships for the peaceful use of chemistry, through the valuable initiatives of the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (ChemTech).
4. Consequently, we encourage the organization to continue developing working networks, effective partnerships, and technical advisory mechanisms, particularly through the recommendations and guidance of the Advisory Council on Teaching and Outreach.
5. We also welcome the ongoing efforts to expand the number of designated laboratories in our region, a measure that will strengthen national capacities and contribute to the OPCW's global network of laboratories.



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6. Likewise, we support the efficient use of the resources contemplated in the draft Program and Budget for the 2026–2027 biennium. In this regard, we are pleased to report that the Dominican Republic is finalizing its preparations to meet its 2026 obligations ahead of schedule, before the end of 2025.

Mr. President:

We are pleased to announce that our country will have the honor of hosting the Chemex GRULAC exercise in 2026, thanks to the support of Canada, Spain, and the European Union. This initiative is of great importance to our region, as it will be essential for strengthening the capacities of the States Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean in responding to chemical emergencies and for fostering more effective regional cooperation on these issues.

Finally, we extend our sincerest congratulations to Ms. Sabrina Dallafior Matter, Ambassador of Switzerland to Finland, on her election as the next Director-General, marking a milestone in the history of the OPCW, as she becomes the first woman to hold this position, reflecting the organization's commitment to gender representation and inclusion at all levels.

We hope that this inclusivity will be equally reflected in the geographical representation across all areas of the Technical Secretariat, which can be beneficial to fulfilling this organization's mandate to condemn the use of chemical weapons in any context, by any person, and in any place.

We request that this statement be treated as an official document of the Conference.

Thank you very much.