

STATEMENT BY
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First and foremost, allow me to extend our congratulations to Ambassador Agustin Vasquez Gomez of El Salvador on your appointment as the Chairperson of the Conference. We are confident that your capable leadership and extensive experience will effectively guide our deliberations towards a successful and constructive outcome.

I also wish to express our deep appreciation to the Director General Fernando Arias for your commitment, efforts and achievements in supporting the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) during your tenure.

Indonesia would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior Matter of Switzerland on her recommendation by the 110th Session of the Executive Council as the incoming Director-General. We look forward to her formal appointment during this 30th Session of the CSP. Please rest assured that Indonesia is ready to offer its full support and constructive cooperation to the new leadership in the important work ahead for the OPCW.

Mr. Chair,

Indonesia aligns itself with the statement delivered by Uganda on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) States Parties to the CWC and China, and on this occasion would like to emphasize a few points on our national capacity.

The CWC continues to stand as one of the most effective instruments in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation. We welcome the historic milestone of the verified destruction of all declared chemical weapon stockpiles worldwide in 2023. Nevertheless, the risks posed by undeclared chemical weapons and reports of their use in conflict situations demonstrate the need for continued vigilance.

Indonesia remains committed to the full and effective implementation of the CWC through national implementation and to work collectively to achieve a world free from weapons of mass destruction. Towards that end, we would like to highlight **3 (three) points**:

First, Indonesia firmly believes that the world must remain steadfast in pursuing the ultimate goal of a world free of chemical weapons, in accordance with the object and purpose of the Convention, even in times of conflict.

We also reaffirm that those responsible for the use of chemical weapons must be held accountable. In this regard, we reiterate the State of Palestine's requests to the Technical Secretariat to monitor and investigate the alleged use and threat of use of chemical weapons by the Israeli occupation and request the Technical Secretariat to take concrete steps to investigate such unlawful practices.

Second, Indonesia commends the positive progress made by the OPCW in advancing the goal of the Convention, including the positive work of the OPCW in implementing its mandates in the Republic of Syria.

To ensure the continued effectiveness and viability of the OPCW's work, we underscore the importance of promoting budgetary efficiency and ensuring that the recruitment of personnel adheres to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. Moreover, we believe that

the OPCW shall continue to perform its duties under the principles of impartiality and professionalism.

In ensuring the OPCW is well-equipped to future challenges and opportunities, we believe that the OPCW should continue its work on the discussions of Artificial Intelligence in the context of the Convention. Member States and the OPCW need to be well-informed and equipped to address the opportunities and risks presented by AI in the implementation of the Convention. Indonesia stands ready to cooperate and contribute to the discussion.

Third, Indonesia places high importance on international cooperation and the peaceful use of chemical materials. We commend the work of the OPCW Technical Secretariat in facilitating tailored training programs and capacity-building activities.

Indonesia remains committed to working closely with the OPCW and other States Parties to expand these efforts, including by conducting a Regional Seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention and Chemical Safety and Security Management for Member States of the OPCW in the Asia Region, in Jakarta, 30 September to 2 October 2025. Furthermore, Indonesia remains open and eager to explore other collaborative opportunities aimed at further enhancing international cooperation and capacity-building activities globally.

Mr. Chair,

Before concluding, Indonesia wishes to emphasize unequivocally that the use of chemical weapons—by anyone, under any circumstances, and anywhere—is unacceptable and constitutes a grave breach of international norms and law. The OPCW must remain vigilant and ready to provide timely and effective assistance and protection to States Parties in the event of threats or actual use of chemical weapons, including in areas of acute concern such as Palestine.

Our delegation looks forward to the constructive deliberations ahead and sincerely hopes the discussions will be guided by the spirit of mutual trust, good faith, and consensus-building. We kindly request that this statement be considered as an official document of the Conference and published on the public website.

Thank you.