

**Agenda Item 8 - General Debate**  
**MALAYSIA**  
**STATEMENT BY**  
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Mr. Chairperson,  
Director-General Ambassador Arias,  
Distinguished delegates,

Malaysia extends warm congratulations to H.E. Agustín Vásquez Gómez on his election as Chair of this Thirtieth Session and pledges our fullest cooperation.

Malaysia associates itself with the statement delivered by Uganda on behalf of the NAM States Parties and China. In our national capacity, we wish to highlight the following points.

Mr. Chair,

Malaysia's commitment to the Chemical Weapons Convention remains steadfast. Our ongoing review of domestic CWC legislation demonstrates our resolve to ensure national implementation keeps pace with the Convention's evolving demands and reinforces frameworks that serve its core purposes.

On the 2026-2027 Programme and Budget, Malaysia values the spirit of compromise that yielded a pragmatic outcome – one that equips the Organisation adequately while respecting budgetary prudence.

Regarding Syria's chemical weapons file, Malaysia recognises the ongoing engagement between the new Syrian authorities and the Technical Secretariat. Comprehensive resolution of all pending matters remains essential for definitively closing this dossier consistent with Convention obligations.

On abandoned chemical weapons in China, Malaysia takes note of the ongoing destruction efforts with Technical Secretariat facilitation toward complete and verified elimination in accordance with agreed plans.

Mr. Chair,

Artificial intelligence presents both promise and complexity for the OPCW's mission. Malaysia sees value in AI applications for verification, monitoring, and capacity development, while acknowledging attendant risks. We favour discussions that encourage technological advancement and equitable access alongside prudent safeguards against misuse, honouring both Articles VI and XI.

Concerning the Open-Ended Working Group on Executive Council electoral procedures, Malaysia notes that six sessions have facilitated constructive exchanges reflecting diverse perspectives among States Parties. Malaysia sees merit in extending the OEWG's mandate into 2026 to allow continued deliberations toward mutually acceptable outcomes.

Mr. Chair,

Advancing our cooperation agenda, Malaysia – through our National Authority and Fire and Rescue Department (BOMBA) – partnered with the OPCW to convene the inaugural Integrated Advanced Course and Exercise on Emergency Response to Chemical Incidents for Asia this past August, bringing together 25 participants from 19 States Parties. This builds on BOMBA's decade-long partnership with the OPCW since 2013, having trained over 380 first responders from 44 countries and pioneered innovative methods including drone operations.

Mr. Chair,

Malaysia welcomes the Executive Council's recommendation to appoint Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior-Matter of Switzerland as the next Director-General – the first woman to hold this position. Her appointment marks a significant moment for the Organisation. Malaysia stands ready to engage constructively with her during her tenure.

Malaysia also extends its sincere thanks to Director-General Arias for his continued leadership of the Organisation, from which we will continue to benefit until the completion of his term next year.

Finally, Malaysia remains devoted to realizing a chemical weapons-free world through comprehensive, effective, and equitable Convention implementation.

I request this statement's circulation as an official document of the Thirtieth CSP and its posting on OPCW public website and external server.

Thank you.