



**Statement by Ms. Sewa Lamsal, Ambassador of Nepal to BENELUX
Countries, Head of Mission to the European Union, and Permanent
Representative of Nepal to the OPCW at the 30th Conference of States
Parties (CSP-30) held from 24 – 28 November 2025 at Headquarters of
the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
The Hague Netherlands**

**Mr. Chairperson,
Mr. Director-General,
Distinguished Delegates,**

Let me begin by welcoming H.E Agustín Vásquez Gómez, Ambassador of El Salvador as the Chairperson of the 30th Session of the Conference of States Parties. I assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation to steer this conference to a successful conclusion. I also appreciate the outgoing Chair for his contribution to the last session.

I thank the Director-General Ambassador Fernando Arias for his comprehensive report and commend the OPCW Technical Secretariat for their professionalism, resilience, and dedication in implementing the Conventions.

I congratulate and welcome H.E. Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior Matter of Switzerland as the incoming Director-General of the OPCW. Your appointment is historically significant, marking a positive step for gender parity in global leadership, especially during this critical time.

Nepal aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished Representative of Rwanda on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) plus China and applauds the Republic of Uganda for successfully hosting the 19th Midterm Ministerial Meeting of the NAM in Kampala.

Excellencies,

Disarmament and non-proliferation have always been core pillars of Nepal's foreign policy. It attaches paramount importance to the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention and unequivocally condemns the use of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere, under any circumstances.

Nepal has consistently advocated for the general and complete disarmament of all weapons of mass destruction under strict and effective international control.



As a state party to the Convention, Nepal strongly urges non-parties to the Convention to become a party without any further delay and stands for the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of the Convention.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Nepal underlines the importance of multilateralism to address complex global challenges, including disarmament and non-proliferation. Nepal believes that a cooperative and rules-based international order is essential for safeguarding global peace and security.

We urge for an enhanced level of technical assistance and capacity-building programmes for the Least Developed Countries like Nepal to help them strengthen national regulatory frameworks and emergency-response mechanisms.

Nepal recognizes that rapidly emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, are both opportunities and challenges and stresses the importance of continued dialogue to preserve the sanctity of the Convention.

We are the proud host country of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and remain committed to promoting regional peace. We believe that such regional mechanisms are a vital complement to the global peace architecture, and we should strengthen them.

Finally, Nepal reaffirms its steadfast and unwavering support for the Chemical Weapons Convention and underlines the central role of the OPCW to uphold peace and strengthen disarmament frameworks. With this conviction, we look forward to working closely with all States Parties in the pursuit of peace, progress, and prosperity for all.

I thank you.