

**STATEMENT**  
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**THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS (OPCW), AT THE**  
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Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

On behalf of Singapore, I wish to offer our heartfelt congratulations to Ambassador Agustin Vasquez Gomez on assuming the role of Chairperson for the 30<sup>th</sup> Conference of States Parties (CSP) to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). We also take this opportunity to thank Ambassador Almir Šahović for his leadership and guidance during the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the CSP and intersessional period.

2 Singapore's DSO National Laboratories is one of the OPCW's designated laboratories for environmental and biomedical sample analysis. We remain committed to the full and effective implementation of the Convention, including supporting the activities of the OPCW and States Parties on assistance and protection against chemical weapons. Reflecting our wider commitment towards non-proliferation, we take the implementation and enforcement of our domestic laws seriously, ensuring their consistency with our obligations under the CWC while maintaining a robust import and export control regime.

3 Additionally, Singapore contributes to the scientific endeavours of the OPCW through our participation in the Temporary Working Group on Chemical Forensics of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) to the OPCW, as well as the OPCW Central Analytical Database Validation Group. We welcome continued efforts by the Technical Secretariat and States Parties to ensure that the OPCW remains fit-for-purpose in response to scientific and technological developments. In this regard, Singapore supports Director-General Arias' establishment of the Temporary Working Group on AI under the SAB, whose mandate began earlier this year. We further welcome provisions for hiring advisers on AI, as well as the Biochemistry Science Policy within the draft OPCW programme and the budget for 2026 to 2027.

4 We will also continue to work actively with the OPCW and our regional and international partners on capacity-building, to guard against the re-emergence of chemical weapons. In our capacity as the Secretariat of the Network of ASEAN Chemical, Biological and Radiological Defence Experts, Singapore co-hosted a virtual workshop on the interpretation of mass spectra data alongside the OPCW in May this year, to equip participants with a better appreciation of analytical methodologies.

Mr Chair,

5 I wish to restate Singapore's commitment to the Convention and the OPCW. For small states such as Singapore, upholding the Convention and the broader rules-based multilateral order is essential to our security and survival. Together with States Parties, we will continue to support the Technical Secretariat in executing its mandate, with a view towards achieving a world free of chemical weapons.

6 In closing, I respectfully request that this statement be circulated as an official document of the Conference. Thank you.

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