



**STATEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AT THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

**ITEM 6 – APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

The United States disassociates from consensus on the appointment of the Credentials Committee with regard to one member listed as the, quote-unquote, “State of Palestine.” As stated in the diplomatic note dated June 18, 2018 from the U.S. Mission to the United Nations to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Government of the United States of America does not believe the “State of Palestine” qualifies as a sovereign State and does not recognize it as such. Accordingly, the United State does not consider the “State of Palestine” to be qualified to accede to the Chemical Weapons Convention and does not consider itself to be in a treaty relationship with the “State of Palestine” under the Convention.