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Excellency Chairman,

Excellency Director General,

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I would like to join other distinguished delegations in congratulating you, Mr. Chairman, Ambassador Agustín Vásquez Gómez, Permanent Representative of El Salvador, on chairmanship role and for steering the work of this important Conference. I would also like to join others in congratulating and commending the Director-General of the OPCW, Ambassador Fernando Arias, for his dedicated work and the productive results achieved under his leadership during his term.

Cambodia also warmly congratulates **Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior Matter** on her appointment as the next Director-General of the OPCW. We look forward to working closely with her to advance the OPCW's mission.

[Cambodia aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). I wish to highlight the following points in our national capacity. OPTIONAL]

Mr. Chairman,

As a country that has endured the devastation of war, Cambodia understands the profound humanitarian consequences of Chemical weapons, including the harmful effects of toxic chemicals resulting from bombs or artillery containing chemical substances. Our Constitution, under Article 54, explicitly prohibits the manufacture, use, and storage of all kinds of chemical-related substances, including nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons. This constitutional mandate reflects our unwavering commitment to peace, security, and the disarmament of these dangerous weapons and related materials.

Cambodia, therefore, strongly supports the objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the vital role of the OPCW as a world highly professional entity in disarming the chemical related weapons. As we all agreed, the continued use of chemical weapons, toxic chemicals, and related materials by certain country in any circumstances constitutes a grave violation of the principles of the Chemical Weapons Convention and undermines the sustained efforts of the international community to eradicate such unacceptable practices.

In this respect, Cambodia attaches great importance to the leading role of the OPCW and fully supports its efforts to uphold the shared international commitments in addressing the illegal use of all kinds of chemical materials in any circumstances. Having said, Cambodia remains firmly and fully committed to the absolute prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production, or transfer of all forms of chemical agents. We join others at this Conference in condemning the use of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere, and under any circumstances, and we call for full accountability and strict compliance with the Convention.

Allow me to emphasize about what Cambodia has done in its efforts in delivering commitment under the CWC – At national level and implementation (Article VII), Cambodia continues to strengthen its legal and regulatory frameworks through the National Authority on Chemical Weapons (NACW). We are working diligently to finalize our national declaration under Article VI and anticipate its submission in the near future. We welcome and appreciate the continued assistance of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW in this process.

In addition, with the growth of our chemical industry, we are enhancing cooperation with Customs to monitor scheduled chemicals and prevent

misuse of all kinds of related chemical materials. Our participation in the Global Forum to Prevent Radiological and Nuclear Terrorism in Bucharest also highlights our broader commitment to preventing the proliferation of all kinds of chemical related weapons.

On economic and technological development (Article XI), Cambodia emphasizes the importance of international cooperation for peaceful purposes. We call for expanded support to developing countries, including capacity-building for national laboratories, chemical safety and security management, and the exchange of scientific and technical information.

On emerging technologies, particularly the evolvement of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and other technologies, Cambodia supports the OPCW's proactive approach in monitoring these developments to ensure they serve humanity and do not contribute to proliferation risks.

Last but not least, Cambodia views any use of chemical weapons as a grave violation of the principles and obligations enshrined in the Chemical Weapons Convention, posing serious threats to human security on a broader scale. We therefore urge this esteemed Conference, as well as the wider international community, to take all necessary and concrete measures to ensure full compliance with the Convention's principles, including considering firm actions against any State Party found to be engaged in the illicit use of chemical agents. We are also of the view that the strengthening accountability is essential to preserving the integrity of the CWC, safeguarding the invaluable work of the OPCW, and protecting humanity from the scourge of chemical weapons.

Cambodia urges all remaining States not Party to the Convention to accede without delay, ensuring that the global ban on chemical weapons is truly comprehensive and permanent.

In conclusion, Cambodia reaffirms its commitment to a world free from chemical weapons. We will continue to work constructively with all States Parties and the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Convention. Peace is the foundation of sustainable development, freedom, and global stability and prosperity.

Finally, I would like to request the Secretariat of the Conference to register the Statement of my delegation in this Conference as appropriate.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.