

STATEMENT OF HUNGARY
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Mr. Chairperson,
Director-General,
Distinguished
Delegates,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate Your Excellency Ambassador Agustín Vásquez Gómez of El Salvador, on your election as Chairperson of this session of the Conference of States Parties. I would like to express our appreciation for the work of H. E. Ambassador Almir Šahović of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chairperson of the 29th Conference, during the past twelve months.

Mr Chairperson,

Hungary associates itself with the statement delivered by the European Union. However, in relation to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, Hungary has more reservations compared to other EU Member States.

Mr. Chairperson,

The OPCW has achieved one of the most significant milestones in modern disarmament by verifying the destruction of declared chemical weapons stockpiles and protecting the integrity of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). We firmly believe that the continued vigilance, impartiality, and technical expertise of the Organisation remain indispensable in preventing the re-emergence of chemical weapons and addressing allegations of their use.

Hungary is proud to have been an active and constructive member of this community from the very beginning and reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the goals of the Convention and to the mission of the OPCW. We will continue to support the Organisation's work across all its pillars—disarmament, verification, international cooperation, and assistance—and we will remain a reliable partner in promoting a world free of chemical weapons.

Mr. Chairperson,

Hungary pays tribute to H.E. Fernando Arias for his distinguished leadership as Director-General of the OPCW. His dedication to impartiality, professionalism, and multilateral cooperation strengthened the Organisation and reinforced the global norm against chemical weapons. His legacy will have a lasting impact on the pursuit of a world free of chemical weapons.

Hungary also commends the Technical Secretariat for all the hard and professional work during the intersessional period.

Hungary congratulates Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior Matter of Switzerland on her unanimous nomination as the next Director-General of the OPCW. We look forward to working closely with her to advance the goals of the Convention and to strengthen our collective efforts toward a world free of chemical weapons.

I thank you for your attention.