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JOINT STATEMENT BY MIKTA COUNTRIES ON THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS
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Mr Chairperson, Mr Director-General, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour of delivering this statement on behalf of MIKTA Countries: Mexico, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Republic of Türkiye, and Australia.

MIKTA countries remain strongly committed to the full and effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), and we commend Director-General Arias, the Technical Secretariat, and States Parties for supporting the OPCW's vital mission.

In line with Korea's thematic priorities as Chair of MIKTA in 2025, MIKTA countries are committed to supporting efforts on Peacebuilding, Youth Engagement, and the accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This statement focuses on our third joint priority for this year: the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As UN Member States agreed in the 2030 Agenda, sustainable development cannot be realised without peace and security; and peace and security will be at risk without sustainable development. In light of the OPCW's role as a key pillar of the global disarmament and non-proliferation regimes, MIKTA countries recognise that the OPCW's work strongly intersects with 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

In pursuing its crucial mission of a world free of chemical weapons, the OPCW's work strengthens the multilateral system and represents a vital contribution to SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by promoting international peace and security. The work of the OPCW thereby aligns with broader global efforts, including the Women, Peace and Security agenda, which recognises the importance of inclusive approaches to peacebuilding and conflict prevention. Furthermore, the OPCW's role in facilitating international cooperation between States Parties also supports SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals), thereby strengthening the implementation of the CWC.

Recognising the value of the peaceful uses of chemistry, science, and technology, the OPCW's work also supports the implementation of SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure). This is demonstrated by the positive impact of the OPCW's international training and capacity building programmes, the leadership of the Scientific Advisory Board in addressing the impact of emerging technologies, and the role of the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology in advancing scientific and technical collaboration. MIKTA countries also commend the OPCW's efforts to promote gender mainstreaming at the OPCW, which supports the implementation of SDG 5 (Gender Equality).



Since the launch of MIKTA in 2013, we have been steadfast supporters of multilateralism and cooperation. In the midst of global challenges, this shared resolve has never been more important. MIKTA will continue to play its part in forging cooperation with the OPCW's Technical Secretariat and States Parties to address the current challenges and accelerate SDG implementation in its entirety.

Encouraged by our shared commitment to democracy, upholding international law, and promoting multilateralism and international cooperation, MIKTA countries will serve as a positive force in addressing these shared global challenges.

Thank you, Chairperson.