

THAILAND

STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR ASI MAMANEE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND TO THE OPCW AT THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES

Mr Chairperson,
Director-General,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, my delegation conveys its full support for His Excellency Ambassador Agustín Vásquez Gómez of El Salvador as Chairperson of the Thirtieth Session of the Conference of the States Parties and expresses appreciation to His Excellency Ambassador Almir Šahović of Bosnia and Herzegovina for his dedicated work over the past year.

Thailand aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement that are States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention and China.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to His Excellency Ambassador Fernando Arias, Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), for his exemplary leadership and steadfast commitment in guiding the Organisation. We also commend the Technical Secretariat for its professionalism in fulfilling the mandates of the Convention and preparing the Organisation to meet future challenges.

Thailand further extends its warmest congratulations to Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior Matter on her recommendation for appointment, by consensus, as the new Director-General of the OPCW. Thailand stands ready to fully support and collaborate with her throughout her tenure.

Thailand reiterates its firm position that the use of chemical weapons, by anyone, anywhere, and under any circumstances, is entirely unacceptable and must be unequivocally condemned.

Thailand acknowledges that, although significant progress has been achieved in the global effort to eradicate chemical weapons, the mission remains unfinished. It is imperative that all States Parties persistently uphold their responsibilities under the Chemical Weapons Convention. The

collective goal is to prevent, eliminate, and suppress any possibility of chemical weapons re-emerging in any context.

Thailand remains committed in fulfilling its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). We have consistently taken concrete actions to ensure full compliance with the Convention's provisions. Thailand has maintained full cooperation with the OPCW, supporting its initiatives and actively participating in its activities, and will continue to contribute wherever we can to advance collective efforts toward our shared vision of a world free of chemical weapons.

We welcome the ongoing engagement of the Syrian authorities with the OPCW and encourage continued efforts towards full compliance with the Convention. We commend the crucial work of the Technical Secretariat in Syria, which contributes directly to advancing the objectives of the Convention, and we appreciate the constructive support of the State of Qatar in facilitating continued progress in this important matter.

Thailand emphasizes that consensus is essential to the global disarmament and non-proliferation framework. We welcome the progress made by States Parties over the past year and call for continued commitment and constructive engagement to achieve the full and effective implementation of the Convention, thereby strengthening international peace and security.

Finally, Thailand reaffirms its strong support for the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention and urges all Non-Party States to join the Convention without delay and fully uphold its fundamental norms.

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