



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATEMENT AT THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES AGENDA ITEM 13 – BIENNIAL PROGRAMME AND BUDGET OF THE OPCW FOR 2026

The United States supports a Zero Nominal Growth budget that advances the OPCW's core mission in the draft program and budget of the OPCW for 2026-2027.

We would like to make clear that we disassociate from the text in this decision urging the Director-General to continue to pay due consideration to gender balance pursuant to the decision of the Conference at its Twenty-Eighth Session entitled "Action Plan on Geographical Representation" and the decision of the Council adopting the deliverables submitted by the Secretariat in this regard.

It is the policy of the United States to use clear and accurate language that recognizes two sexes, male and female. The United States prioritizes merit-based advancement and does not support organizational practices that promote decision-making based on diversity, equity, or inclusion initiatives, prejudice one sex over another, enforce quotas or sex preferences, or afford privileges to one sex over another.

The OPCW must continue to conform to the highest level of merit-based professionalism. We will not be in a position to support any future budget that contains similar language.