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**Mr Chairperson,  
Mr Director-General,  
Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,**

First, I would like to welcome back H.E Ambassador Thomas Scheib of Germany and commend the work he has carried out since the first session. my delegation is confident that, under his leadership, our deliberations will reach a successful conclusion for his final session and he has the full support of my country.

I wish also to extend my gratitude to the Director-General, Ambassador Fernando Arias, for his reports and his comprehensive opening statement and commend his commitment as well as the Deputy Director-General, Ambassador Odette Melono, and the Technical Secretariat for their dedication in advancing and optimizing the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

**Mr Chairperson,**

This session is taking place in a particularly uncertain and a worrying international environment, which once again demonstrates that international law continues to be challenged in different parts of the world. Such a context does not strengthen the multilateral system that was established to promote dialogue and negotiation as the primary means to resolve disputes. On the contrary, this system sometimes appears weakened, disoriented, and increasingly sidelined at a time when it is most needed.

In this regard, my delegation sincerely trusts that our Organization, which has consistently demonstrated resilience, will continue to serve as a reliable instrument for peace and strive for the universality of CWC. This is particularly important at a time when our world, far from the ideal we aspire to, is increasingly marked by the multiplication of areas of tension across the globe. Such a context contributes to the risk of the re-emergence of chemical weapons, a concern that is further aggravated by the rapid development of emerging technologies.

While we remain fully aware of the growing complexity of the mission entrusted to the OPCW, we are confident that the Organization is equipped with a comprehensive and clear Convention, providing a solid framework to advance the elimination of chemical weapons and to contribute to international peace and security.

We acknowledge the work carried out by the Technical Secretariat, whose expertise supports States Parties in the implementation of the Convention, including through assistance provided in developing national legislation and mechanisms, as well as in strengthening the capacities of States confronted with chemical weapons, particularly with regard to their detection and destruction.

In this context, Algeria welcomes the constructive cooperation between the Syrian authorities and the Organization. We value the commitment shown by the Syrian authorities as well as the continued attention given by the OPCW to this file. We are all aware about the persistent challenges for both Syria and the Secretariat however we are confident only assistance, cooperation and compliance will bring the file to a conclusion.

**Mr Chairperson,**

In conclusion, Algeria reiterates its strong commitment to the objectives and principles of the Chemical Weapons Convention and remains fully engaged in supporting the work of the Organization, as well as strengthening international efforts toward a world free of chemical weapons. Achieving this goal requires unity, solidarity in ensuring compliance, and sustained dialogue and cooperation to preserve our strong commitment to multilateralism within our organization. Only through these collective efforts can OPCW tools be effectively mobilized to achieve its objective of chemical disarmament.

**Thank you for your kind attention**