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**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA  
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**Chairperson,  
Director-General,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,**

On behalf of the Delegation of the Republic of Angola, I extend my greetings to **His Excellency Ambassador Thomas Schieb**, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany and Chairperson of the One Hundred and Eleventh Session of the Executive Council, and wish him every success in guiding the work of this Session.

I also extend a warm greeting to the Director-General, the Deputy Director-General, and the entire Technical Secretariat team, commending them for their efforts and dedication in the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

The Republic of Angola aligns itself with the statement delivered by the African Group, presented by **Ambassador Madeleine Liguemoh Ondoua**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cameroon to the OPCW, as well as with the statement delivered by the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, presented by **Ambassador Mirjam Blaak Sow**, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the OPCW.

**Chairperson,**

Since the entry into force of the Chemical Weapons Convention in October 2015, the Republic of Angola has made significant progress in establishing concrete measures for the implementation of the CWC. These efforts are particularly noteworthy as the partnership between Angola and the OPCW continues to grow, with clear examples of how cooperation promotes national, regional, and global security in matters of disarmament and non-proliferation, as well as the use of chemistry for peaceful purposes.

In this regard, as part of strengthening its institutional capacities, Angola established the Coordinated Border Management Committee (CGCF), of which the National Authority

is a member. This constitutes an important centre of inter-ministerial cooperation aimed at preventing and combating cross-border crime in its various dimensions, enabling the operational control of Nuclear, Radiological, Biological and Chemical (NRBC) materials within a robust framework.

Angola believes that border security represents the first line of defense against proliferation. Therefore, the country will continue to invest in the training of its technical personnel, with the support of and in close cooperation with the OPCW, allowing for a better knowledge management, while strengthening control and communication mechanisms. We reiterate our support for countries in the region and on the continent facing challenges similar to those previously encountered by Angola and renew our willingness to host capacity-building events. We underscore the importance of tailoring such initiatives to the specific realities of countries, particularly the Portuguese-Speaking African Countries (PALOP's).

In this context, Angola welcomes the Advanced Training Course on the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention held in São Tomé and Príncipe from 21 to 23 October 2025, which contributed to enhancing understanding and engagement among CPLP Member States in the development and/or improvement of initiatives aimed at the effective implementation of the CWC.

### **Chairperson,**

Angola considers the universalization of the Convention to be fundamental to achieving peace worldwide. The use of weapons of mass destruction, particularly chemical weapons, constitutes a crime against humanity and must be prevented at all costs. For this reason, Angola maintains its firm support for the Technical Secretariat in promoting the universalization of the Convention and encouraging good practices, while calling upon States not yet party to ratify or accede to the CWC. Universal adherence to the Convention is essential to eliminate chemical weapons, prevent rearmament, and strengthen international norms.

The Republic of Angola reiterates its support for the Organisation's efforts to strengthen the verification system, which is essential to ensure that States Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention and the decisions of the OPCW.

Angola praises the efforts undertaken by the Director-General to improve gender balance and equitable geographical representation within the composition of the Technical Secretariat. However, it once again calls for the promotion of the full, meaningful and effective participation of women in the implementation of the Convention and encourages the Technical Secretariat to adopt concrete measures to improve geographical representation.

Chairperson, Angola recognises the progress achieved during its sixth phase of the OPCW Programme for Africa, and welcomes the launch, in January 2026, of the seventh phase of the said Programme. It encourages the Technical Secretariat to firmly continue the implementation of the activities under the OPCW Programme for Africa, given its importance for scientific development, security, and international cooperation, thereby enabling African Member States to prevent chemical threats and promote the peaceful use of science.

In conclusion, Angola reiterates its adherence to consensus-building as the primary path for achieving the objectives set for the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

**I request that this statement be published on the Organisation's website and on Catalyst as an official document of this Session.**

**Thank you for your kind attention.**