



**JOINT STATEMENT BY MIKTA COUNTRIES
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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, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Türkiye, and Australia.

As MIKTA, we remain firmly 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 Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons' vital mission.

Chair, MIKTA is an embodiment of the benefits cross-regional dialogue and collaboration brings to the multilateral system. We represent a diverse group of States Parties from different geographic regions – each with their own unique cultural, social, linguistic and historical traditions – yet we are united by a shared commitment to democracy, the rule of law, internationally-agreed rules and norms, and multilateralism. It is this diversity and ability to find common ground that lends strength and gives ballast to our pursuit of a common goal: global peace, stability and prosperity.

At a time when global challenges are growing in complexity and urgency, including those related to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, MIKTA countries recognise that no State Party or regional grouping can address these challenges alone. Cross-regional cooperation is therefore not simply an aspiration; it is a necessity. It is only by working together that we can fully achieve the Convention's objectives and relegate the tragic legacy of chemical weapons to the history books.

As Australia assumes the role of MIKTA Chair in 2026, MIKTA countries will continue to work with the OPCW and States Parties to uphold and strengthen the Convention, deliver consensus-based outcomes, and ensure the OPCW can continue to deliver on its core mandate.

MIKTA partners remain committed to the multilateral system and upholding and safeguarding rules, norms and standards that protect us all and underpin global prosperity. MIKTA countries will serve as a positive, innovative and impactful force in upholding the multilateral system and finding shared solutions to shared challenges.

Thank you, Chairperson.