

**Intervention by Mr. Md Hasan Abdullah Towhid, Charge d’Affaires of Bangladesh Permanent Mission to the OPCW, at the 111<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of the OPCW  
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**Agenda Item 6(h): Status of Implementation of Article X**

**Thank you, Mr. Chair.**

At the outset, Bangladesh expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the comprehensive report on the status of implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention covering the year 2025. We also commend the Technical Secretariat for its continued efforts in strengthening assistance and protection mechanisms and in supporting States Parties in enhancing preparedness and response capacities against chemical incidents.

Bangladesh notes with appreciation the progress made in implementing a broad programme of assistance and protection activities, including training courses, capacity-building initiatives for first responders, and the strengthening of national protection frameworks. Such initiatives remain essential for ensuring that all States Parties are adequately equipped to prevent, respond to, and mitigate the consequences of chemical emergencies.

The report clearly demonstrates that the Technical Secretariat continues to play an important role in assisting States Parties in developing national protection plans, improving emergency response capabilities, and facilitating international cooperation in the field of chemical safety and security.

While these achievements are encouraging, Bangladesh believes that further efforts are necessary to ensure that the benefits of Article X are accessible to all States Parties, particularly developing countries. In this regard, we would like to offer several observations and recommendations.

**First**, capacity-building efforts should continue to prioritize the needs of developing countries, particularly in strengthening national preparedness and response capabilities. Many States Parties in the Global South still face limitations in technical

infrastructure, specialized training, and access to modern protective and detection equipment.

**Second,** Bangladesh encourages the Technical Secretariat to further expand training programmes for first responders, medical personnel, and civil defence authorities in developing regions. Regular regional and sub-regional exercises would significantly contribute to strengthening operational readiness and fostering practical cooperation among neighbouring States Parties.

**Third,** we underscore the importance of facilitating broader access to equipment support and technical expertise for States Parties with limited resources. Enhanced cooperation in the areas of detection technologies, medical countermeasures, and decontamination capabilities would contribute to closing existing capacity gaps.

**Fourth,** Bangladesh encourages the continued strengthening of the international cooperation framework under Article X, including the promotion of information-sharing, technical exchanges, and partnerships among States Parties. Such collaboration can greatly enhance collective preparedness in responding to chemical emergencies.

**Finally,** we encourage sustained support for voluntary contributions and international cooperation mechanisms that enable the Organisation to expand assistance and protection activities, particularly in regions where capacity gaps remain significant.

**Mr. Chair,**

Bangladesh remains firmly committed to the full and effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Strengthening the implementation of Article X is essential not only for protecting populations from chemical threats but also for reinforcing international solidarity and collective resilience.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the Technical Secretariat and fellow States Parties in advancing these shared objectives.

**Thank you, Mr. Chair.**