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**Statement by H.E. Dr. Khin Thidar Aye, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim/Head of Mission, Permanent Representation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the OPCW at the Hundred and Eleventh Session of the Executive Council
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**Mr. Chairperson,
Director-General,
Distinguished Ambassadors and Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Good morning.**

Myanmar delegation wishes to commend Chairperson, Excellency Thomas Schieb, for his leadership in the 111th Session of the Executive Council of States Parties.

Our appreciation also goes to Director-General, Excellency Fernando Arias, Deputy Director-General, Ambassador Odette Melono, and the Technical Secretariat for their expertise and professionalism in fulfilling their mandates.

As this Session review the progress of works and guide on strategic direction of the Convention, Myanmar delegation extends its full supports and cooperation in achieving its expected outcomes.

Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation welcomes the continued progress of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in implementing the objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Over the past year, the Organisation has maintained strong momentum in its core mandates of verification, international cooperation, and assistance. The sustained implementation of inspection activities and monitoring mechanisms demonstrates the resilience of the Technical Secretariat.

We also note positively the expansion of capacity-building initiatives under Articles X and XI, which continue to enhance the preparedness of States Parties in responding to chemical incidents and strengthening national implementation frameworks.

At the same time, the Organisation faces several challenges. As alluded by many delegations, the evolving security landscape, including the risk of chemical terrorism and the rapid advancement of emerging technologies, requires constant vigilance and adaptation. In addition, maintaining unity and trust among States Parties remains essential to ensure the credibility and effectiveness of the Organisation.

Looking ahead, my delegation believes that several priorities should guide our collective efforts.

My first point is strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance programmes.

As a State Party, Myanmar actively cooperates within the framework of the Convention and complying it both in the letter and spirit. Since ratification of the Convention in 2015, National Implementation Body has been fulfilling reporting obligations, including OCPF (Other Chemical Production Facilities) and ADPA (Annual Declaration of Past Activities) under Article VI, national implementation measures under Article VII, and X, reflecting Myanmar's continued commitment to full compliance with the Convention.

Knowledge and skills acquired from OPCW capacity building programmes such as Chemical Safety and Security Management and Emergency Response were further disseminated nationally, through Trainers for Training programmes, to members of industrial cooperation units, customs, chemical inspection units, universities and industrial zones. Those knowledge on Chemical Risks Response help prevented chemical related destructions during 2025 Mandalay Earthquake.

Related my second point is supporting capacity-building for developing countries.

As I mentioned OPCW capacity building activities helps states not only to meet treaty obligations, but also to build national resilience against chemical related challenges. And thus, Myanmar encourages for more targeted initiatives for public and private sectors, including micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises, to promote the safe and secure use of chemicals for peaceful purposes.

My third point is to enhancing dialogue with the scientific and industrial communities on emerging technologies ensuring that policy discussions among States Parties keep pace with rapid technological developments so that advances in AI reinforce, rather than undermine, the objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

In this respect, we welcome OPCW's initiatives on AI, and recommendations of Temporary Working Group on developing a governance framework on AI in chemical safety, enhancing forensic capabilities with machine learning and fostering industry partnership. Myanmar delegation supports strengthening scientific monitoring, updating verification tools, promoting responsible science, and supporting capacity building in order to keep Chemical Weapons Convention effective in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.

My fourth point is the importance a multi-layered approach to counter the growing risks posed by non-state actors.

Myanmar delegation wishes to underscore the combining chemical security, intelligence cooperation, emergency preparedness, detection systems, industry engagement, and international assistance will create a robust, framework where the failure of any single security measure does not result in a catastrophic breach.

My final point is preserving the technical integrity and impartiality of the Organisation.

Mr. Chairperson,

Before concluding, Myanmar delegation reiterates our strong support for the work of the OPCW and reaffirm our commitment to the full and effective implementation of the Convention to achieve a world free of chemical weapons.

Thank you.
