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TO THE 14TH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES**

Mr. Chairman,

Let me take this opportunity to extend our sincere felicitations to you in assuming the Chairmanship of this year's Conference of States Parties. We are confident that under your able stewardship the Conference would lead to a successful conclusion.

My delegation also wishes to commend the outgoing Chairman, Ambassador Minoru Shibuya for his chairmanship of last year's Conference.

Before going further, my delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement made by Ambassador Oscar de los Reyes of Cuba on behalf of the NAM CWC States Parties and China.

Mr. Chairman,

Since the inception of this Convention, the CWC indeed plays an integral part in the promotion of peace and security. It is worth noting that the CWC is moving closer towards universality, as we all welcome Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Lebanon and Iraq for joining in this important endeavor. We are hoping that few more countries that are now still outside of the Convention could join us with no further delay.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to underscore Indonesia's steadfast commitment to this Convention. Thus far, Indonesia has passed its national law on the use of chemical and the prohibition on use of chemical as weapons. It is only a matter of time that a Permanent National Authority will be established as a draft Presidential Decree is on the final stage. It is worth noting that during the 11th National Authorities Meeting held recently, one of the objectives is to promote cooperation amongst National Authorities at a regional and sub-regional level. This is a very commendable measure so as to pave way for an efficient and effective functioning body in the discharge of its duties.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation further wishes to underline, again, the balance among the pillars of the CWC. First, our efforts for a world free of chemical weapons require for all States Parties to adhere and strengthen the national implementation measures called for under the Convention. In this regard, we express grave concern that the progress made for the destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles and production facilities amounts little as we approach to the final deadline set forth on 29 April 2012. We urge the possessor States to observe the final deadline. Destruction of chemical weapons stockpile is one of the foremost objectives of the Convention, therefore it would be best if we all could explore the possibilities to work extra mile in accelerating the process.

Second, effective verification is a necessity for attaining non-proliferation and confidence building. Indonesia has no interest in possessing chemical weapons. Time and time again, the OPCW has conducted, with satisfactory results, verification and inspections in various industrial sites in Indonesia.

Third, International Cooperation and Assistance, for us, is the foremost element for a free and legitimate trade of chemicals. Much to our regret, such a trade is still hampered by forms of unwarranted restrictions. We stress the importance of exchange information, expertise and technological transfer of chemicals for peaceful purposes, and international cooperation for the purpose of improving capacity building. For countries like Indonesia which has no intention to develop, produce, stockpile or use of chemical weapons, they must be benefitted from joining the Convention among other by having international cooperation aiming at enhancing the economic and technological development in the field of chemical activities for purposes not prohibited under this Convention.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation is pleased to endorse the recommendation made by the Executive Council at its 58th session that Ambassador Ahmet Uzumcu of Turkey be appointed to the position of the Director General. I wish to quote what our incumbent Director General Pfirter stated, that the consensus decision held during the recent 58th session of the EC, the Executive Council reaffirmed the OPCW as an example of successful multilateralism, demonstrating the maturity and profound unity of purpose which the Organization has attained in its mission. For this, we wish to commend Ambassador Oksana Tomova in her capacity of Chairperson of the EC as well as Ambassador Jorge Lomonaco Tonda, current Chairman of the Executive Council for steering the process towards a successful conclusion.

Allow me further to seize this opportunity to applaud and praise Director General Rogelio Pfirter for the outstanding achievements in advancing the objectives of the Convention. May I warmly convey our highest compliments to Director General Pfirter for a job well done.

Rest assured of Indonesia's steadfast cooperation and support under the stewardship of the incoming Director General of the OPCW. In addition, Indonesia hopes that the next Director General, in the execution of his mandate, would bear in mind the aspirations and interests of developing countries – which constitute a majority of state parties to the CWC, including in filling important posts from capable individuals to the Secretariat of this organization from developing countries. We are hoping to contribute more to this organization, and looking forward to a higher representation among this group in the organization.

Mr. Chairman,

May I echo the distinguished speakers who preceded me in conveying our full support and cooperation to you for the successful conclusion of this esteemed Conference.

I thank you.