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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GUATEMALA TO THE OPCW AT THE
EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE STATES PARTIES ON GUATEMALA'S ELECTION
AS A NON-PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE
PERIOD 2014-2016**

Mr Chairman,
Distinguished ambassadors,
Delegates,

As we mentioned during the general debate, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala is committed to peace, justice and the legal certainty of the international treaties, agreements and conventions, and takes this opportunity to reaffirm that commitment.

It is an honour for the Republic of Guatemala to have been elected a non-permanent member of the Executive Council of such a distinguished Organisation. Along these lines, we should like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the office of the Director-General, the Technical Secretariat and hence to the Organisation. Henceforth we offer our total support and cooperation to bring the obligations stemming from the Convention to completion.

Lastly, Mr Chairman, but no less important for that, we should like to thank the Member States of GRULAC for the support they have given to our delegation in its selection to occupy one of the 20 seats recently elected to the Executive Council for the period from 2014 to 2016. We commit to them and to the other States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention to represent, in an appropriate, efficient, manner the interests of the region within the Organisation, always, and, as we stated earlier, in strict adherence to, and respect for, the Convention and internal rules of the Organisation.

I should be obliged if this statement be considered an official document of this Session of the Conference of the States Parties.

Thank you very much.

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