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Your Excellency Madam. Chair,

Distinguished DirectorGeneral Ahmet Üzümcü,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I deem it a great honor to attend and speak at the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference of State Parties on the Chemical Weapons Convention for the first time on behalf of the China Controlled Chemicals Association as an NGO. Now, please allow me to brief the Conference on the main work of the CCCA and put forward our suggestions on honoring the Convention.

The China Controlled Chemicals Association, founded in April 1996, was established on a voluntary basis by enterprises, social organizations and professionals engaged in the production, research, design, operation, utilization and management of chemicals included in the CWC. It functions as the coordinator between the government and enterprises and as a facilitator for better compliance with CWC. For 18 years since its establishment, the CCCA has made tremendous contributions to promoting the full implementation of the CWC and the sustained and healthy development of chemical industry through abiding by the requirements enacted by National Authorities and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

First, we actively carry out publicity and training on the Convention, and provide assistance and guidance to chemical enterprises for regular inspections. By setting up a Compliance Website to popularize the knowledge and obligations of the Convention, we vigorously promote responsible care and safety production. We have published the monthly professional journal, *Controlled Chemicals Newsletter*, for conservation of 221 volumes to provide a platform for enterprises to exchange experience on implementing the CWC. To date, we have held 20 training classes and 11 forums on CWC implementation with 2,500 attendees from 1,600 organizations. By the end of

November 2014, China has received inspections for a cumulative 299 times, over 26 times on a yearly basis, 10% more than all other scheduled inspections by OPCW each year, taking first place among all the State parties. Chinese enterprises provide all-round cooperation for OPCW's on-site inspections with earnest efforts and an open attitude, which manifests our firm stand in fulfilling the international obligations and safeguarding world peace of our own accord.

Second, we actively urge enterprises to strengthen management to facilitate the sustainable development of the industry. The production value of China's petroleum and chemical industry has topped the world after decades of rapid development. In the backdrop of sluggish recovery in the world economy and the increased downward pressure on the domestic economy, China's chemical industry as a whole has maintained a steady development, contributing greatly to the national economy and social development. However, China's chemical industry is large but not competitively strong, and problems such as low industrial concentration, severe overcapacity, pollutant discharge and occasional safety and environmental incidents have brought prominent negative impacts on the industrial development. As a result, CCCA assists companies in combining the compliance, responsible care, safety production and HSE management system together to improve their overall stewardship and operation. In this way, fruitful results have been achieved with improved safety and environmental awareness, better comprehensive utilization of resources, year-by-year declines in pollution emissions, sustainable development and inspiring progress in building up the resource-saving, environment-friendly and intrinsically safe industry.

Your Excellency Madam Chair,

For 17 years since the Convention came into effect, it has made universally acknowledged contributions to world peace, but its verification regime also exerted extra burdens on the global chemical industry. We are convinced that we should strike a balance in handling non-proliferation and the development of chemistry industry. For this purpose, we propose the following suggestions from the perspectives inside the industry:

Firstly, trade barriers that hinder the international cooperation in the field of chemical industry should be effectively eliminated to embrace the co-prosperity benefiting the whole world. China's chemical industry is willing to keep closer ties with chemical

industries in other countries and enhance international cooperation with States Parties.

Secondly, the verification regime should be further ameliorated. We should optimize the selection method of inspection sites, improve efficiency and pertinence of inspection, take account of equitable geographic balance and reduce the burden on the inspected facility with necessary measures. We suggest to the Technical Secretariat that it enact the norms for announcing and accepting inspections, pool the common problems detected in various state parties and formulate a Work Guidebook for onsite inspection to facilitate better compliance with the Convention among chemical enterprises.

Thirdly, the OPCW, States Parties and International Chemical Industry Associations should strengthen mutual cooperation, actively explore the cooperation model and mechanism under normalization and amplify the influence of the Convention in the chemical industry to promote successful compliance with the Convention.

Thank you, Your Excellency! And I request that this statement be made part of the final CSP record.