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AT THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
REGARDING ARTICLE XI OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

The delegation of Chile wishes to contribute a constructive and broad vision with respect to the role played by Article XI of the Convention, placing an accent on the terms of economic and technological development which serve as a framework.

This article has rich elements for visualising the possibilities for cooperation, which the States Parties have valued in the past and which we should implement in full. Within this context, the delegation of Chile wishes to contribute to a peaceful and committed discussion with these central elements in order to achieve true cooperation embodying the principles of non-discrimination, effectiveness, and complete implementation as the driving forces behind this process.

In building the requisite consensus, we are working together with the facilitators and we value the recent circulation of a document that reflects the point of view of the previous facilitator. This document—about which there is a variety of opinions—brings together interesting points reminiscent of the components which were agreed upon during the Sixteenth Session of the Conference of States Parties and which were addressed at the Third Review Conference and led to the consensus-based proposal of recommendation in this regard. We would also recall the approaches of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, among others.

Further, the Organisation, through the Technical Secretariat, has taken important steps concerning the various elements contained in Article XI which deserve to be highlighted.

The work that we have ahead will therefore consist of reviewing what we have accomplished in the implementation of said Article, filling in the gaps that remain, and focusing on a work programme that will rebuild the consensus needed to move ahead to other stages and achieve concrete results. In this area and in this spirit, the delegation of Chile wishes to make an effective contribution.

I would be most grateful if this statement would be considered an official Conference document.

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