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TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

Mr Chairman,
Director-General and distinguished delegates,

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

My delegation wishes to commend Madame Chair, Ambassador Vesela Mrđen Korać, for her chairmanship of last year's Conference of the States Parties.

My delegation's deep appreciation also goes to the Director-General, Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü, and to all of his team in the Technical Secretariat for the informative and comprehensive report delivered in this session.

While my delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement made by the distinguished Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, I would like to share Indonesia's views on issues that, we believe, are critical for the future of the OPCW.

We have seen a historical situation, as the Convention plays its purpose as the cornerstone to the promotion of international and regional peace and security. The Convention's sole purpose is shown by the ratification of Myanmar and the accession of Angola, which is a significant step towards achieving universal adherence of the Convention.

Motivated by the recent momentous situation, Indonesia would like to reiterate all the remaining States outside the Convention to accede to the Convention without preconditions. Suffice to say, work on universality should always be continued with perseverance.

In spite of the fact that the Convention is one of the most successful multilateral instruments in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation, today's threat towards international peace and security continues to exist.



The heinous acts that happened in Paris recently showed us that the risk of proliferation of chemical weapons and toxic chemicals used as a weapon either by a State or by non-State actors remains viable. All States Parties, therefore, must keep their united efforts towards the elimination and prohibition of chemical weapons. In this regard, it is important to monitor closely the distribution of chemical agents, particularly the dual use agents.

Indonesia believes that the mere assurance for this world to be free from chemical weapons is not only further enlargement of membership towards its universality, but also the full compliance by States Parties to the Convention.

While acknowledging the progress made on the destruction of chemical weapons by possessor States Parties, Indonesia recalls that the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons should continue in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and its Annex on implementation and verification.

In this regard, necessary measures must be undertaken by all the possessor States Parties to strictly comply with the Convention's obligation and relevant decisions that have been approved. Given the extensions of deadlines for the destruction of chemical weapons by possessor States, it is therefore the time for them to reaffirm their commitment to pursue the complete destruction of chemical weapons in due course.

Indonesia further notes that the deliberations on the issue of the Syrian Arab Republic have been made. Indonesia appreciates the impressive development achieved through the cooperation of the Syrian authorities with the OPCW for the progressive effort towards the final destruction of chemical weapons and their production facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Indonesia supports the continuance of the Fact-Finding Mission in accordance with its mandate. We note that the Fact-Finding Mission will be concluding its final report. Indonesia is of the view that a substantial, impartial, objective and thorough report is necessary in an end towards a peaceful and comprehensive solution.

In sustaining this end, Indonesia also welcomes the establishment of the OPCW-UN Joint Investigative Mechanism. Indonesia expects that the Joint Investigative Mechanism could carry out its function in an objective, impartial and professional manner with the full support from the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

While taking its shared responsibilities to implement the Convention seriously, Indonesia believes that the implementation of the Convention should be carried out in such a way that the economic and technological activities of the States Parties are not adversely affected. In this regard, my delegation believes that the OPCW will have a major role in helping its States Parties to facilitate the fullest possible exchange of chemical technologies, expertise, scientific, and technological information for the purposes not prohibited under the Convention, aimed at fostering economic development.

All States Parties and the OPCW should further engage with the chemical industries to promote global chemical trade, and to strengthen the mechanism for consultation and cooperation to narrow down significant technological gaps among States Parties. Therefore, Indonesia attaches high priority to the provisions of the Convention on international cooperation and assistance. Investment in this field will stimulate the interest of States

Parties in the years to come, and such cooperation will serve the long-term objective of the Convention.

In view of the above, on the draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2016, our delegation wishes to highlight the importance of international cooperation and assistance. We believe that this would play an important role in the implementation of the Convention.

Indonesia remains committed in fully supporting and sharing its expertise and experience with other States Parties in need of assistance under the framework of the OPCW. It has been a privilege for Indonesia to have a longstanding cooperation with the Technical Secretariat as well as many other States Parties through a number of training programmes wherein expertise and best practices have been shared. Valuable input was also shared by Indonesia's representative in the Assistance Training and Protection Course held in The Hague, 26 August to 1 September 2015.

Together with the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW, we are now planning to hold a field exercise in the first half of 2016. Moreover, Indonesia stands ready to work with other States Parties and the Technical Secretariat of OPCW to develop and consider any concrete proposals on chemical safety and security particularly in the South East Asia region.

By submitting these attentions, I would like to reiterate my delegation's readiness to engage constructively with all the States Parties during this Conference and do the utmost to make this Conference a success in the spirit of transparency and inclusiveness.

I request that this statement be circulated as an official document of the Conference.

I thank you.

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