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Mister Chairman, Director-General, Distinguished Delegates, OPCW and CWC Coalition Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to be able to speak on behalf of Pakistan House again this year. Let me first thank you for this opportunity. I must congratulate Dr. Paul Walker for leading the CWCC, and helping to promote peaceful uses of chemistry and to encourage the proactive role of civil society, including non-governmental organizations.

Mister Chairman, the ever expanding conflict and war zones has seriously challenged the peace and stability in almost every part of the world. With the danger of reemergence of chemical weapons, and the mass casualties in the Middle East, the assessment is that terrorists are infiltrating into the refugee camps, and hence posing serious threats to the major cities in Europe.

Mister Chairman,

Pakistan House strongly advocates that together with State Parties, the OPCW can contribute towards strategic protection of ordinary citizens of the world. OPCW's soft power is based on educational outreach, capacity building, and training programs. The fusion of state and civil society organizations would establish an ultimate system of material control and independent verification of the allegations of use of chemical material in conflict zones.

Mister Chairman,

The partnership between the OPCW, state parties, civil society, and chemical industry has yielded some major results during the past years. However, the signature of chemical terrorism in Iraq, Syria, and Libya needs continuous monitoring and evaluation of the implementation process. Pakistan House considers public and private partnerships as a vehicle to strengthen the mandate of the OPCW.

As an independent, non-partisan and non-political organization, Pakistan House strongly supports the international non-proliferation regime. The futuristic vision however should encourage a long term public awareness and capacity building program for developing countries. The peaceful use of chemistry vitally hinges on the resources to enhance the research capacity of both civil society and academia. I am confident that the OPCW will continue to provide both intellectual and material resources to promote the cause of responsible chemistry.

Let me take this opportunity and reaffirm that the platform of Pakistan House is available to further the noble cause of the OPCW and CWC Coalition and we look forward to participate in the on-going research projects and to help initiate new ones.

Mister Chairman,

Before I close, I want to inform that as a part of promoting the role of the CWC Coalition, Pakistan House once again published the civil society interventions from CSP20 last year in the form of a booklet.

Let me conclude: It is my hope that the OPCW and the CWC Coalition can help promote the peaceful uses of chemistry. The role of NGOs in building capacity and “educational engagement” will directly impact the way public knowledge and awareness are being designed.

Thank you for your kind attention, and I wish for this statement to be made part of the final CSP record and posted on the external server and website.