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In the Name of God The Merciful The Compassionate

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Mr. Chairman, Director-General Ahmet Üzümcü, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Allow me to congratulate everyone at the Organization for their continuous and intensive efforts and the high professionalism that they display, as well as their scientific method in dealing with all cases regarding chemical warfare, this method that is and has been employed since its establishment. We hope that this Organization will not drift behind circles that try to politicize their efforts, we appreciate your achievements in facilitating global agreements.

Today, we look forward to a Middle East that is free of all weapons of mass destruction. The Middle East is an important historical and religious area; it is the birth place of the Monotheistic religions (Islam, Christianity and Judaism). People of the Middle East look forward to a stable and safe area that is free of mass destruction weapons and death to live in peace and cooperate with all peoples of the region to build a bright and sustainable future for the coming generations, ridding their homes of disasters, wars and tragedies.

It is a shame that all the climate summits held during the past few decades have not come out with positive results regarding the reduction of toxic gas emissions that cause global warming and that affects climate change globally. Climate change will affect millions of people around the world who live in coastal areas and on small islands. The world is anticipating the soon coming "Climate Change Refugee" crisis. Its indicators are already here, about one hundred million people live just one meter above sea level; if this rises, they will have to leave their dwellings and go to higher ground.

Dear Friends,

The blind terror practiced by many extreme terrorist groups over the last ten years has led to the death, as well as the loss and destitution of hundreds of

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thousands of people. Climate change has its own terror and has destroyed whole cities and displaced hundreds of thousands of people, causing extreme economic losses in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

We are now waiting for the large industrial countries to pay attention to this grave danger that threatens humanity and place a serious constructive strategy to combat this terror that will cause the demise of everything.

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the Jordanian Climate Change and Environmental Protection Society (JOCCEPS), I congratulate the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü on the success of the organization over the last few decades in building bridges of trust with international organizations and large chemical and industrial companies, which will positively reflect upon the chemical and international security in general, and the use of chemistry for the benefit of humanity and scientific advancement, and spare humanity the horrors of chemical warfare.

We, as NGOs, put all our efforts in spreading awareness and using the media to warn everyone about the dangers and horrors of the use of chemical weapons and to support the programs of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

In conclusion, I offer my congratulations to the African Center for Studies and Research, stationed in Algeria and Roma University (Tor Vergata) on obtaining the OPLW-The Hague Award for “efforts for achieving the goals of the agreement to prohibit chemical weapons to free the world from weapons of mass destruction.”

I also thank Dr. Paul Walker from Green Cross International for all his good efforts in building the alliance of NGOs concerned with prohibition of chemical weapons. I wish for this statement to be made part of the final CSP record and posted on the external server and website.

Peace be upon you.