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# THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

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## STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA

### 22st Session of the States Parties Conference on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

(HAGUE 27 November to 01 December 2017)

Excellency Director General,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

In my open remarks at this important Conference, please allow me, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Angola and the delegation accompanying me, to take this opportunity to congratulate you HE, ambassador **ABDELOUHAB BELLOUKI** of Marocco as Chairman of the twenty-second Session of the Conference of States Parties and to wish you success in leading the work of this important conference.

I would also like to express our thanks to your Excellency, Director General, Ambassador **Ahmet Uzumcu** and the Technical Secretariat, for the work you have been developing, in the search for adjusted solutions for the growing challenges on disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction issues, and in particular, the support provided to the Republic of Angola as a new State Party. We congratulate the different working groups for their performance in support of the **OPCW**. I also wish to take this opportunity to, appreciate you Ambassador **Ahmet Uzumcu** for dedicated efforts during eight years of greet work in benefit of the **OPCW**.



I would like as well to extend my warm felicitations and good wishes to the new Director General his Excellency Ambassador Fernando Arias of Spain on his unanimous endorsement by the Executive Council for the post of Director General of the Technical Secretariat of the **OPCW**.

I would also like to greet the distinguished representatives of the States Parties to the Convention and the distinguished guests present at this august event.

The Government of the Republic of Angola recognizes the vital place that the CWC has in the international architecture of Non Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in order to materialize the efforts of the international community for a world free of these Weapons.

The Republic of Angola, the 192nd State Party to this important international instrument, still engaged in monitoring and realization of national implementation measures of CWC, for peace and international security, pillars of healthy coexistence between peoples and countries.

The Republic of Angola aligns itself with the statement made on behalf of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement that are parties to the CWC and China.

Excellency, Distinguished Delegates

In a year that marks the 20th Anniversary of **OPCW**, the Republic of Angola is pleased to have established the National Authority, which will have the task of national implementation of the **CWC**.

We are in the final phase of the start-up process, and we welcome and would like to continue to count on the support of the Organization, in particular of the **OPCW** Technical Secretariat. Despite this being our main focus, we have participated in several activities organized by the **OPCW**, of which we must highlight the High Level participation in the commemorative ceremony of 20th anniversary of the **OPCW** in The Hague.

