



**STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
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Agenda item 18 – Ensuring the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention

I have the honour of speaking on behalf of the European Union.

Andorra, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) has one of the most extensive memberships amongst the international disarmament and non-proliferation regimes. However, the objective must be universal coverage. The European Union, therefore, urges States not party to the CWC to ratify or accede without delay.

The EU continues to support the implementation of the 2003 Action Plan for Universality politically and financially, in close collaboration and coordination with the Secretariat and Guatemala, Facilitator for the Universality of the Convention. However, the objective of achieving complete universality is a shared responsibility of all States Parties.

The EU welcomes the participation of the South Sudanese delegation in the Conference of States Parties and encourages further steps to complete the accession process as soon as possible.

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