



**Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
at the
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to the Chemical Weapons Convention,**

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Mr. Chairperson, Mr. Director-General Arias, Distinguish Delegates,

I would like to begin by my warm welcomes to H.E Ambassador Agustín Vásquez Gómez of El Salvador, Chairperson of this 30th Session and assure him of Slovenia's full cooperation. I also reaffirm Slovenia's confidence in Director-General Ambassador Fernando Arias and commend the dedication and professionalism that led this Organisation successfully through many challenges. We wish him all success in the future.

My delegation extends its sincere congratulations to H.E. Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior Matter on her appointment as the new Director-General of the OPCW Technical Secretariat. We look forward to working closely with her in the period ahead and express our full confidence in her leadership.

In addition to the statement delivered on behalf of the EU to which Slovenia fully subscribes, I would like to offer a few remarks in national capacity.

Mr. Chairperson,

Slovenia remains firmly committed to the full, effective, and universal implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The OPCW continues to play a central role in strengthening the global disarmament and non-proliferation architecture, and we must ensure it has the means to fulfil its mandate. For this reason, Slovenia strongly supports the adoption of the Biennium Programme and Budget for 2026-27 by consensus. A stable and predictable budget is indispensable for the Organisation to fulfil its mandate effectively.

We equally emphasize the importance of broad consensus in support of OPCW activities related to the Syrian file. The recent developments and the commitment of the Syrian transitional authorities to cooperate fully with the Organisation are positive steps.

Slovenia also strongly condemns Russia's illegal aggression against Ukraine and the documented use of riot control agents and other toxic chemicals on the battlefield. These acts represent clear violations of the Chemical Weapons Convention and threaten the integrity of the global norm against chemical weapons. We commend Ukraine's efforts

to report and document these incidents, and we underscore the need for full accountability for all confirmed chemical weapons use.

Mr. Chairperson,

Slovenia attaches great importance to supporting Africa, including through the OPCW's Africa Programme and wider capacity-building initiatives. We welcome the Programme strong track record in strengthening national implementation, enhancing laboratory capabilities, and supporting regional cooperation.

Mr. Chairperson,

In closing, Slovenia is honoured to be a candidate for membership of the OPCW Executive Council for 2026-28 term. As a committed member of the Organisation since 1997, we stand ready to contribute our experience and professionalism to supporting the integrity of the Convention and contributing constructively to the Council's work.

Slovenia has served only once in the Executive Council, 25 years ago. The candidature represents our continued commitment to the multilateralism also by taking part in the decision-making bodies of international organisations. Later this year we will conclude our tenure as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. We would like to continue our engagement in maintaining international peace and security, the OPCW being its constituent part.

Slovenia stands ready to work with all States Parties in a spirit of cooperation and dialogue, to ensure that chemical weapons are once and for all relegated to history. Slovenia is committed to promoting transparency, inclusiveness and consensus in the decision-making process of the OPCW. We would highly appreciate the valuable support of States Parties for our candidature to the OPCW Executive Council.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.