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Mr. Chairperson,

Allow me to extend my felicitations to you in assuming the Chairmanship of the special session of the Conference of the States Parties and expressing our firm belief that under your able leadership, our deliberations will lead to a successful outcome.

I also seize this opportunity to welcome the State of Palestine as a new member of the OPCW, which is a significant step towards achieving universal adherence of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Mr. Chairperson, Director General, Distinguished Delegates,

Our goal of a world free of chemical weapons not only can be achieved through universality, but also through full compliance and effective implementation of all provisions of the Convention by the State Parties.

The remaining States not Parties to the Convention should be continuously encouraged to join the Convention.

A complete destruction of declared chemical weapons must be finished.

All old and abandoned chemical weapons must also be completely destroyed.

Mr. Chairperson, Director General, Distinguished Delegates,

Indonesia wishes to reiterate its strong opposition, today and forever, to the use of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere, under any circumstances, and for whatever reasons. It is reprehensible and a completely flagrant violation of the Convention and all norms of international law.

Achieving a world free of chemical weapons, therefore, should include accountability for whoever responsible for deplorable actions in the use of chemical weapons, in accordance with international law.

Whereas the use of chemical weapons needs to be resolutely opposed, we should also consider means of strengthening our Organisation to deal with on-going and future challenges together with the priority of the complete destruction of all categories of chemical weapons.

Mr. Chairperson, Director General, Distinguished Delegates,

It is unfortunate to bear witness in the increasing and persistent polarization in the OPCW causing a degree of division amongst us.

Any reflection of the polarization amongst the States Parties of this body would only strengthen the awareness and resolves for non-State actors to seize the opportunity and raise their threats for their unjust cause.

Therefore, Indonesia attaches its great importance for a unified and effective actions to increase our ability to promote OPCW's ultimate objectives, including addressing the use of chemical weapons with a view to collectively strengthening global efforts to totally ban the proliferation and use of chemical weapons.

Likewise, all States Parties should reinvigorate their mutual trust and render their stronger political will as well as resolute efforts with good faith in the full implementation and cooperation, as these are essential for addressing the mounting threats.

Furthermore, Indonesia remains firm in its principled position of a peaceful approach to conflict resolution. Indonesia believes that peace and stability in Syria can only be achieved through dialogue and inclusive political process. Diplomatic efforts to achieve a political solution must always continue to end the horrific war and conflict in Syria.

We cannot afford division in a time of such great challenges.

We should find a collective stand amongst States Parties and the OPCW to enhance their shared efforts in strengthening cooperation, including capacity building activities in the area of chemical safety and security as well as to prevent and respond to chemical terrorism by non-state actors.

Mr. Chairperson, Director General, Distinguished Delegates,

With regards to addressing the use of chemical weapons, it is absolutely important that an independent investigation mechanism should be established to carry out work in a transparent, objective, impartial and professional manner, with the full support from all States Parties.

Meanwhile, we also support the FFM and continue to urge that everything possible be undertaken in accordance with its mandate as well as the provisions of the Convention.

In conformity with the Chemical Weapons Convention, Indonesia remains in its principled belief that in order to redress the situation in case of particular gravity, this Conference shall bring the issue to the attention of the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations Security Council.

We, therefore, urge the special session of the Conference of the States Parties to consider this in order to reach a peaceful and comprehensive solution.

Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation wishes to congratulate the outgoing Director General, Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü, and his team for their tireless dedication and the achievements, and for putting the Organization in the height of a well-respected recognition.

May I warmly convey our highest compliments to him for a job well done. Let me re-assure my delegation's continued support and cooperation during the rest of his term.

In the meantime, to the next Director General, Ambassador Fernando Arias Gonzalez, let me assure of my country's continued support and cooperation upon the discharge of his solemn duty.

In closing, let me echo the distinguished speakers before me in conveying our full cooperation to you for the success of this special session of the Conference.

I request that this statement be included as an official document of the Conference.

I thank you.

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