STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
AT THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF
THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW THE OPERATION OF
THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
(SECOND REVIEW CONFERENCE)

The Philippines would like to formally register its grave concern at the limited and closed
negotiation process (involving only some selected delegates) implemented in reviewing the
Chemical Weapons Convention.

Even if the objective of this move was to facilitate the conduct of negotiations, the formation
of such a group without the knowledge of the rest of the Conference delegations runs counter
to the basic principle that meetings, conferences, or negotiations among States Parties should
be “open, transparent, and inclusive.”

This working method has resulted in a draft report where the majority of the delegates could
not participate fully in the deliberations. We do not want this unexpected move to be
precedent setting. This should not happen again.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.