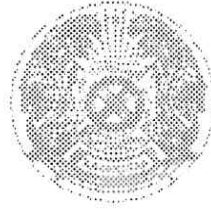


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Statement

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the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention**

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Mr. Chairman,
Mr. Director-General,
Distinguished delegates,

At the outset, allow me on behalf of the delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan to congratulate you on your election as Chairman of the Third Review Conference of the Convention. We assure you of our full cooperation and support in your efforts to lead the deliberations of the Third Review Conference to a successful conclusion.

In sixteen years since its entry into force the Chemical Weapons Convention became a major success and vivid manifestation of the collective will of the international community to achieve a World Free of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

However, much remains to be done. It is vitally important to achieve the universality of the Convention. The universal nature of the Convention is crucial for the achievement of its objectives. We highly appreciate the efforts by the OPCW Secretariat and its Director-General H.E. Mr. Ahmet Uzumcu aimed at its universalization. We call upon all States not Party to join the Convention without further delay and precondition.

Destruction of all categories of chemical weapons should remain the top priority and we welcome the commitment of States Parties concerned to make every effort to achieve complete destruction within the shortest time possible.

Preventing the re-emergence of chemical weapons is another task we will have to deal with and we should take comprehensive measures to ensure that such kind of weapon will never be produced and used again. In our view, the OPCW verification regime should focus more on the objective of preventing the re-emergence of chemical weapons.

Effective national implementation of all provisions of the Convention by States Parties is a prerequisite for the regional and international security. Therefore introducing of national legislation which fully reflects provisions of the Convention and strengthens national mechanism of control on implementation of the Convention should become another priority task.

We commend dedication and the work of the OPCW Secretariat which assists States Parties in strengthening their capacity to implement the Convention at the national level.

The Republic of Kazakhstan expresses its serious concern about the possible use of chemical weapons in Syria. Any use of chemical weapons is reprehensible and unacceptable. We fully support the initiative of the UN Secretary-General to conduct an appropriate investigation with the support of the OPCW.

Science and technology have advanced significantly in recent years. Rapid development of the chemical industry requires higher standards and control of production, transportation and use of chemicals and we commend the initiative of the Technical Secretariat to promote activities in the field of chemical safety and security. We fully support the Director-General's vision that the future work of the OPCW should include establishing more effective coordination with the UN and other international agencies, regional and sub-regional organizations.

During sixteen years of operation OPCW has established a comprehensive verification and inspection mechanism. Verification regime is the main instrument to ensure credibility of the implementation of the Convention. With a new challenges which we face ahead, namely countering the terrorist threat, we believe that further strengthening of verification mechanism will enhance integrity and effectiveness of the Convention. These should include the arrangements for systematic declarations,

industry monitoring, appropriate controls on transfers of chemicals, and regulatory measures to identify and track toxic chemicals.

At the same time this in no way should hamper the economic or technological development of States Parties and international cooperation in the field of chemical activities for purposes not prohibited under the Convention.

Mr. Chairman,

The Republic of Kazakhstan is fully committed to the principle of non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and takes comprehensive measures to fulfill its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention.

We regularly improve national legislation in the field of chemical security and safety and export control. Circulation of chemicals, which are not registered in accordance with the established rules, is strictly prohibited. Transit of chemical products included in the national list of export control is subject to approval.

We established comprehensive and effective export control system based on best international practices. Any movement of the products included in the national control list of Kazakhstan is licensed. The national export control lists of Kazakhstan include all items of the international export control regimes and are updated on a regular basis.

Kazakhstan attaches great importance to the development of regional cooperation and intends to intensify cooperation with the countries of the region and the OPCW Secretariat to achieve objectives of the Convention.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that Kazakhstan is fully committed to its obligations under the Convention and will actively work with all interested parties to achieve its goals.

Thank you for your attention.