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AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE**

Mr Chairman,

I feel that all delegations ought to congratulate themselves on having managed to adopt by consensus a significant and complete document, one which will guide the work of the OPCW in the years to come. Achieving this required a huge effort on the part of all delegations in this room.

Mexico condemns the manufacture and use of weapons of mass destruction, including chemical weapons, which is the matter that brings us together in this Organisation. For this reason, we reiterate the importance of implementing the provisions laid down in the Chemical Weapons Convention, including destruction, national legislation, assistance and protection.

The case of Syria is worrying. It has deserved a resounding declaration from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, which makes the necessity of working to achieve universality an urgent priority. Our peoples are not to blame if a State is not party to the Convention but it is they who have to bear the consequences.

Consensus has prevailed at this Conference, so now Mexico, too, joins the consensus in congratulating it on its work. We also extend warm congratulations to the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, Ambassador Sa'ad Abdul Majeed Ibrahim Al-Ali of Iraq, the Chairperson of the open-ended working group, Ambassador Nassima Baghli of Algeria, and the Ambassadors of South Africa, Peter Goosen, and Peru, Allan Wagner. We cannot fail to mention the effort of the Director-General, Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü, and the staff of the Technical Secretariat. Finally, as a Mexican, I extend a very special congratulation to my good friend of many years, Santiago Oñate, who, with his integrity, experience and professionalism, contributed to the success of this Conference.

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

Thank you very much.

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