

**Agenda 10(e): Administrative and Financial Matters - Draft
Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2026-2027, and all items
pertaining to this Budget, including relevant special funds and
the 2023 LMR1 balance**

Chair,

The Indian delegation commends the efforts by TS and Facilitators to bring the biennium budget figures within the 'Zero Nominal Growth' (ZNG) range.

We note regrettably that in the latest revision of budget figures, only 210 inspections are envisaged for 2026. Zero Nominal Growth can still be achieved with 241 inspections as was decided in the last biennium decision and as approved for 2027.

We suggest that TS and Facilitators explore the possibility of upholding the practice of 241 yearly Article VI inspections to preserve the sanctity of the decision of CSP-28 of 2023, which relates to the core mandate of OPCW. In fact, TS had been conducting 241 inspections till a few years ago, and therefore this number should not be taken as any increase but just restoration to the previous level.

During the budget discussions, we had suggested that LMR of 2024 can be utilized for achieving 241 inspections in 2027 in the event of any difficulty in funds on account of mid-biennium review. We would appreciate if this could be suitably reflected going forward.
