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Madame Chairperson,

I wish to congratulate you on the effective and visible chairmanship of the Executive Council. I also would like to stress your crucial engagement and support in the preparations for and successful conduct of the Third Review Conference. The active support of the Chair of the Executive Council for the preparation, conduct and the implementation of the outcomes of the Review Conference is a unique example of the cooperation between the policy-making organs.

At the very outset of my intervention I would like stress that Poland aligns itself with the statement by the Ambassador of Ireland on behalf of the European Union.

The Chairmanship of the Third Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention, which was entrusted to Poland by States Parties, was an honour and a great responsibility.

In the preparations for and during the proceedings of the Conference we have conducted meetings and consultations. We have jointly promoted transparency, inclusiveness and a result-oriented approach. It is our conviction that these values contributed to the positive outcomes and reinforced the tradition of consensus decision-making.

Thanks to active participation and the constructive approach of the Member States, the support of the Technical Secretariat and the active support of many stakeholders, we have jointly arrived at a consensus final report. It will provide guidance for the work of the Organisation in coming years.

We are looking forward to working closely with the Member States, the Technical Secretariat and the stakeholders to develop and implement the provisions of the final document of the Third Review Conference.

We consider it important to initiate the implementation of the Third Review Conference guidelines in the preparation and the implementation of the 2014 OPCW Programme and Budget.

We are looking forward to the proposals from the Technical Secretariat to provide the changes in the OPCW core objectives. We hope the Secretariat proposes reallocation of the



existing staff and financial resources to implement the relevant provisions of the final document. They should include: promotion of universality, preventing the re-emergence of chemical weapons, promoting assistance and protection against chemical weapons and toxic chemicals, expanding and making international cooperation more relevant, and enhancing chemical safety and security.

Poland will offer active support to the Executive Council and its incoming chair, Ambassador Olexander Horin of Ukraine, to develop and implement the policy guidelines from the Third Review Conference. I ask, Madame Chairperson, that this statement be treated as an official document of the Seventy-Second Session of the Executive Council.

I thank you, Madame Chairperson.

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