



BRAZIL —Statement by H.E. Ambassador Fernando Simas Magalhães at the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Conference of the States Parties of the Chemical Weapons Convention under Agenda Item No. 17(f) – Geographical Representation

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MR. CHAIRPERSON,

Brazil believes and supports that geographical representation, taking into account gender balance within the Technical Secretariat, should be viewed as a fundamental pillar of the OPCW.

We are furthermore aware that the international capacity-building and training activities of the OPCW further widen the geographical pool for staffing, whilst securing the highest standards of efficiency and competence.

In this sense, it is of the utmost importance that the issue of “Geographical Representation” be the object of regular reporting to the Council, as part of the agenda item on “Follow-up to the Review Conferences”.

In making headway on the implementation of the “Action Plan on Geographical Representation” adopted by the CSP-28 (C-28/DEC.11), we should establish targets and success indicators, in order to ensure incremental gains on the fundamental questions of representation, diversity and balance in OPCW hiring policies.

Thank you.