



## **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. 18 – Fostering of International Cooperation for Peaceful Purposes in the Field of Chemical Activities**

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MR. CHAIRPERSON,

Brazil reaffirms its full support to the objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention and expresses its desire to continue closely collaborating with the OPCW. We are committed to the Assistance and Protection Programs, Mentorship Partnership Program, Associate Program and Outreach Programs.

In partnership with the OPCW, in April this year, we organized and hosted the education and training program on peaceful uses of chemistry for youth, sparking great interest among students from countries with developing or transitioning economies. Additionally, this month we conducted the training course on the medical aspects of assistance and protection against chemical weapons for States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean, which successfully trained over 20 professionals on this critical topic under the Convention.

We are very happy with the success of the Mentorship Program with Mozambique, result and recognition that is very encouraging for us to do more. Hence, we are pleased to announce that for 2025 we already have a cooperation agenda established with the OPCW, encompassing the Assistance and Protection Programs, the Associate Program, and the Mentorship Partnership Program. Furthermore, we would like to take this opportunity to announce that we are honoured to have received a request from Colombia for the implementation of the Mentorship Program, which Brazil will promptly fulfil.

Thank you.