



**STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**  
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**Agenda item 19 – Ensuring the Universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention**

I have the honour of speaking on behalf of the European Union.

The Candidate Countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine as well as Armenia and the EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the EEA (European Economic Area) align themselves with this statement. Andorra, Monaco and San Marino also associate themselves with this statement.

The Chemical Weapons Convention has one of the most extensive memberships amongst the international disarmament and non-proliferation regimes. However, our objective must be universal coverage. The European Union, therefore, urges States not party to the CWC to ratify or accede without delay.

The European Union continues to support politically and financially the implementation of the 2003 Action Plan for Universality, in close collaboration and coordination with the Secretariat and the Facilitator for the Universality of the Convention, Ms Lucía Rodríguez Fetzer of Guatemala.

The European Union welcomes the participation of the South Sudanese delegation in the Conference of States Parties and commend the progress made to complete the accession process as soon as possible.

I would kindly ask you to consider this statement as an official document of this session and post it on the OPCW external server and public website.

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