

STATEMENT
by the delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the CSP-29
(OPCW)

Dear Chairperson,
Mr. Director-General,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, allow me on behalf of the Republic of Kazakhstan to congratulate Ambassador Almir Šahović on his appointment as the Chairperson of the 29th Conference of the State Parties. You and your newly elected team can count on our delegation's full support.

We extend our deep appreciation to the outgoing chair, Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar. We also express our gratitude for the leadership of the Director-General Fernando Arias and the Technical Secretariat for their dedication and professionalism.

Mr. Chairman,

Kazakhstan reaffirms its strong commitment to the implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention and achieving the common goal of a world free of chemical weapons.

We underscore the importance of universality of the CWC as a crucial element of the international disarmament and non-proliferation architecture and the unique role of the OPCW in preserving international peace and security.

At the same time, Kazakhstan opposes any type of division and confrontation at the OPCW and regrets that it has been difficult to reach consensus during the decision-making process within the recent years. Therefore, we call States for the constructive dialogue to implement the objectives of the Convention.

As the OPCW has proved itself as a formidable platform against chemical weapons and thus, fulfilling its intended purpose, our country is actively putting efforts to similarly institutionalize the Biological

Weapons Convention and endow it with an implementation body. In 2020, the President Tokayev proposed to establish an International Agency for Biological Security (initially- International Agency for Biological Safety) to address the accumulating challenges presented by the global pandemic and the rapid development of biotechnologies.

There is a common understanding that the BWC requires strengthening to efficiently oversee its implementation. The adoption by consensus of the resolution on Strengthening and Institutionalizing of the BWC by the initiative of Kazakhstan at the UNGA First Committee on 4 November 2024, and which calls to consider the establishment of IABS, is a proof that the international community is acknowledging the relevance of this issue.

Mr. Chairman,

In the pursuit of national implementation of all provisions of the CWC and BWC, Kazakhstan has developed a robust legislation in the sphere of chemical and biological security and export control. Our national export control system fully complies with international standards. Kazakhstan's law "**On the control of specific goods**" that entered into force on 28 February 2023 takes into account all the necessary requirements arising from international obligations, as well as best practices and recommendations.

Kazakhstan has met all the criteria to join the multilateral export control regimes, including the Australia Group (AG). We unilaterally assumed obligations to comply with AG requirements in 2010. We therefore call on AG members to support our application to join the group.

Mr. Chairman,

In order to adapt to the rapidly changing international security environment, The Organization must keep itself at the forefront of scientific and technological advancements. New challenges and emerging opportunities posed by the latest developments in technology should be examined and monitored thoroughly. We highly value the work of the Centre for Chemistry & Technology in promoting the expert

dialogue, scientific exchange, technical collaboration to advance the safe use of chemicals.

Kazakhstan firmly supports the incorporation of a gender perspective as a cross-cutting element at all levels of the Organization. In this regard, we support strengthening and promoting programs that seek to stimulate education in science and technology among women.

We also take this opportunity to call on the States Parties and the OPCW to work together to achieve a more balanced geographical representation within the Technical Secretariat. This balance is extremely important to ensure objectivity and impartial management within the Organization.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, I would like to reaffirm Kazakhstan's ongoing commitment to active and constructive collaboration and the successful conclusion of the 29th Conference of State Parties.

Thank you.