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**Statement by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Soe Lynn Han,
Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to
the OPCW at the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Conference of
the State Parties
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**Mr. Chairperson,
Mr. Director-General,
Distinguished Ambassadors and Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Good morning,**

First and foremost, on behalf of the Myanmar delegation, allow me to extend warm felicitations to Mr. Chairperson, His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Almir Šahović of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on assuming the role of Chairperson of CSP-29. I assure you of our full support and commitment to ensuring a successful conclusion of this conference.

I also express our gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Suljuk Mustansar Tarar, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for his exceptional leadership during the 28th Session of the CSP.

At the same time, I would also like to extend my gratitude to His Excellency Fernando Arias, Director-General of the OPCW, for his comprehensive report, and to the TS for their impartial efforts in supporting all State Parties in fully implementing the CWC at the national level.

Mr. Chairperson,

Myanmar reaffirms its strong support for the principles enshrined in the CWC. We emphasize the importance of the Convention as a cornerstone of global disarmament and non-proliferation efforts.

As a State Party, we continue to uphold our obligations under the Convention, including timely reporting, active participation in capacity-building programs, and compliance with the CWC's verification regime.

Mr. Chairperson,

Myanmar reiterates the vital role of the OPCW in advancing international cooperation and capacity-building activities under Article XI of the CWC. These initiatives are instrumental in empowering States Parties to meet their CWC obligations effectively and in establishing the capacity necessary to mitigate potential chemical threats.

Taking this opportunity, Myanmar suggests the OPCW to continue prioritizing the International Cooperation Programs such as the Africa Program, explore any possibility of having the similar program in Asia and to allocate substantial

financial, technical, and human resources to these initiatives. This assistance will strengthen the ability of developing nations in Asia to monitor and manage chemical substances safely and supports broader socio-economic development goals.

We really hope the ABEO's initiatives on education and outreach programs ensures that the OPCW's international cooperation programs are tailored to meet regional needs, especially for developing countries where such needs-rooted context-specific education and training can strengthen national chemical security measures and peaceful use of chemicals.

Mr. Chairperson,

Myanmar congratulates the successful completion of the recent "Global Conference on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Advancing the Implementation of the Convention" in Rabat, Morocco, from 22-24 October this year.

We also welcome the OPCW's ongoing efforts to address emerging challenges, including the growing risks posed by non-state actors and the spearheading research and development activities related to AI challenges.

Mr. Chairperson,

Myanmar supports the progress of the implementation of the Action Plan on Geographical Representation by the OPCW and is willing to collaborate with the TS to encourage the participation of the relevant professionals from Myanmar in these activities and create desirable candidates.

Mr. Chairperson,

In conclusion, Myanmar reassures our ongoing commitment to active and constructive collaboration with the OPCW in pursuit of the goals of the CWC.

We extend best wishes for the successful conclusion of the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Conference of the States Parties and would like to request that this statement be published on the catalyst and on the OPCW public website.

Thank you, Chairperson.
