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## **Mr.Chairperson**

The State of Palestine wishes to express concerns regarding irregularities in current voting practices during elections, which appear inconsistent with the principles of fairness and the sovereign rights of States Parties. Such practices undermine the procedural integrity of elections and conflict with the legal framework established to govern proceedings under the Chemical Weapons Convention.

The delegation of the State of Palestine aligns itself with the recommendations put forward in the Non-Paper by the Africa Group.

We emphasize the importance of ensuring that all voting processes fully align with the rules and principles set forth by the Convention and its procedural framework. Any deviations from these standards should be reviewed and addressed to preserve the integrity, transparency, and inclusivity of decision-making within the Conference.

• We request that this statement be adopted as an official document of this conference and published on the Organization's public website and Catalyst platform.

Thank you Chairperson