

THAILAND

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TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

Mr Chairperson,

Director-General,

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, I wish to express my delegation's support for H.E. Ambassador Almir Šahović of Bosnia and Herzegovina as the Chairperson of the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Conference of the States Parties. I am confident that your able leadership and guidance will lead to a successful session.

Thailand aligns itself with the statement submitted on behalf of the Members States of the Non-Aligned Movement that are States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention and China.

We also wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Technical Secretariat for their leadership in implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention, particularly during the post destruction phase.

Despite the significant progress achieved under the Convention—which has made it one of the most successful international instruments in upholding norms against the use of weapons of mass destruction—challenges remain. These include risks arising from the rapid advancement of science and technology in the chemical sector and the use of chemical weapons by non-state actors.

The recent adoption of the Pact for the Future is both timely and necessary. World leaders have renewed their commitment to pursuing a world free of all weapons of mass destruction and ensuring accountability for their use. Thailand strongly affirms that the use of these weapons is unjustifiable under any circumstances and must be unequivocally condemned.

Thailand believes in translating this commitment into tangible outcomes and would like to emphasize the following key points:

First, we must uphold our obligations under the Convention. Thailand reiterates its strong support for the OPCW, especially in the inspection and verification of any alleged use of chemical weapons. Continued and constructive cooperation with the Organisation is essential to ensuring full compliance with the Convention.

Our National Authority, the Department of Industrial Works, Ministry of Industry, actively cooperates with the Organisation by submitting annual reports and facilitating industry inspections.

Second, building trust and confidence among States Parties is essential. Thailand encourages all States Parties to engage in constructive dialogue to achieve consensus on addressing both existing and emerging challenges.

In this regard, we commend the Organisation's efforts to promote diversity, including balanced geographical representation and gender equality in its work.

Third, effective implementation of chemical security measures must be ensured, alongside the promotion of international cooperation and assistance to enhance the peaceful use of chemical sciences and technologies.

Thailand has implemented several key measures under the Hazardous Substance Act B.E. 2535 (1992) and its amendments to control the production, acquisition, storage, use, and transfer of toxic chemical substances. However, further capacity building and international cooperation under Article XI should be promoted, particularly to leverage new technologies and advance the Sustainable Development Goals.

Lastly, we must work towards the universalization of the Convention. Thailand urges all States not yet party to the Convention to accede at the earliest opportunity.

In conclusion, the increasing complexity of today's challenges underscores the importance of unified efforts to ensure the Convention's full and effective implementation. Through dialogue

and cooperation, we are confident that we can achieve our shared goal of eliminating all chemical weapons and fostering lasting peace and security for all.

Thank you.

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