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**Statement by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Soe Lynn Han,
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to the OPCW at the Hundred and Sixth Session of the Executive Council
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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, I extend heartfelt congratulations to His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Andres Teran Parral of the Republic of Ecuador on assuming the role of Chairperson of EC-106.

I assure you of our full support and commitment to ensuring a successful conclusion of this session.

I would like to thank His Excellency Mr. Fernando Arias, Director-General of OPCW, for the extensive report and commending the Technical Secretariat for their unwavering commitment and diligent work.

I would also like to thank to the DDG and the TS for their impartial arrangements in enabling all state parties to implement the CWC wholeheartedly at the national level.

Mr. Chairperson,

Myanmar ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) on July 8, 2015, and since then, as a committed State Party to the CWC, Myanmar has submitted the annual reports to the OPCW in compliance with the obligations and cooperates with relevant authorities of the Technical Secretariat to submit timely updates to the OPCW.

As recent as of June 2024, Myanmar submitted the Annual Declaration of Past Activities (ADPA) for 2023 and Information Regarding National Programmes Related to Protective Purposes, Pursuant to Article X, Paragraph 4 of the Convention.

For the period of 27 January 2023 to 29 May 2024, Myanmar actively participated in a total of 17 OPCW-hosted events such as National Authority Meetings, Regional Meetings, Capacity Building training sessions (both in-person and online), and workshops.

Among these events, a relevant official from the National Authority of Myanmar attended “the Twenty-Second Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties to the CWC in Asia” in Uzbekistan in May 2024.

Mr. Chairperson,

Recognizing the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in enhancing the implementation and monitoring of the CWC, Myanmar expresses the readiness to participate in OPCW initiatives related to AI technology to explore and contribute to these advancements.

We believe that AI technology can offer significant opportunities to strengthen the mechanisms for monitoring, verification, and compliance under the CWC.

In this regard, we welcome the allocation of substantial financial, technical and human resources for developing countries from the OPCW in the realization of International Cooperation Activities to enable us not only to utilize the implications of AI technology but also to tackle its ethical, societal, and legal ramifications.

We are also confident that the upcoming “Global Conference on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Advancing the Implementation of the Convention” by the OPCW to be held in Rabat, Morocco, in October will be a complete success.

Mr. Chairperson,

Myanmar supports the Strategic Framework and Implementation Program developed by the TS in accordance with the Action Plan on Geographical Representation 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,

Allow me to conclude by assuring you of Myanmar's continued constructive cooperation with the OPCW in alignment with the Convention's objectives.

Myanmar's position on the use of chemical weapons is unequivocal. We firmly believe that any use or threat of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere, at any time, and under any circumstances is unacceptable. Achieving this goal requires the collective efforts of States Parties and the OPCW.

We remain steadfast in our efforts to work together toward a world free of chemical weapons.

I extend my best wishes for the successful conclusion of the 106th Session of the Executive Council and would like to request that this statement be published as an official document of the session and on public website.

Thank you, Chairperson.
