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**Chairperson  
Director-General,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,**

Allow me, on behalf of the Angolan Delegation, to extend a special greeting to H.E. **Andrés Terán Parral**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the OPCW and President of the 107th Session of the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons – OPCW.

We also extend our warm greetings to H.E. **Fernando Arias**, Director General of the OPCW, and to the Technical Secretariat, which has been able to lead the destinies of this Organization to a successful conclusion, in the search for better results through the effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Angola aligns itself with the Declaration of the African Group, presented by Ambassador **Francis Kotia**, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the OPCW, in his capacity as Coordinator of the Group, as well as with the Declaration of the Member States of the **Non-Aligned Movement + China**, presented by Ambassador **Mirjam Blaak Sow**, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the OPCW.

Angola reiterates its willingness to cooperate in the implementation of the CWC, at the national and continental level, understanding that the universalization of the Convention is a fundamental part of achieving peace in the world. Multilateralism must prevail as the only framework truly capable of safeguarding the interests common to all humanity, the scope of which reaffirms Angola's resolute commitment to diplomacy, inclusive dialogue and the use of peaceful means to resolve conflicts.

**Mr. President,**

Angola appreciates the efforts of the Technical Secretariat in implementing programs aimed at training Member States and has highlighted the importance of creating customized training models for the different Groups of States that make up the Organization, as well as to strengthen transparency and cooperation, based on their needs and whose characteristics differ from each other.

Angola will host from **3 to 5 December 2024**, the “**Workshop for the Capacity Building of Customs Institutions and Members of National Authorities of Portuguese-Speaking Countries, members of the OPCW**”.

The aforementioned activity will be carried out under the auspices of the Technical Secretariat, in collaboration with the National Authority of the Republic of Angola, and aims to promote cooperation and development by sharing experiences on the implementation of the Convention and creating common denominators.

In this regard, Angola reiterates its willingness to work with the Technical Secretariat in whatever is necessary for the success of the aforementioned event.

We are convinced that initiatives of this nature create the platforms and opportunities for people from all over the world to share experiences, lessons learned and good practices, enhance their knowledge of the Convention, build and foster relationships and, ultimately, support the implementation of concrete measures towards the prohibition of chemical weapons.

**Mr. President,**

Angola welcomes with satisfaction the holding of the “**Global Conference on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in the Implementation of the CWC**”, to be held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, from **22 to 24 October** of this year, expressing the desire that the topic be discussed in depth, in the search for benefits for the use of emerging technologies in the implementation of the CWC.

On the other hand, Angola recognizes the progress achieved by the OPCW Programme for Africa, and encourages the Technical Secretariat to continue firmly implementing the tasks of the 6th Phase, which will contribute to the engagement of the Member States of the Organization.

**Mr. President,**

The world is watching with concern the current moment of tension and uncertainty regarding the possible use of Chemical Weapons in ongoing conflicts.

Angola respects and supports compliance with the statutes of the Convention, and reaffirms its commitment to the provisions of Article 1, which prohibits States Parties from assisting or encouraging other States to produce chemical weapons.

As a State Party, Angola reaffirms its position to ensure that the prohibition of chemical weapons is maintained and considers it important that the provisions of the CWC must be implemented effectively and rigorously, to ensure that a global prohibition of chemical weapons is achieved.

**Mr. President,**

Angola calls for dialogue in the resolution of disputes between States and condemns the use of chemical weapons anywhere, by anyone and under any circumstances.

Angola recognizes that the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has made a clear and visible contribution to a world free from the threat of chemical weapons.

**Mr. President,**

Angola welcomes the working visit made by the OPCW Delegation to China from 18 to 22 September this year, and encourages the Technical Secretariat to continue working with the States Parties that still have chemical weapons stockpiles, so that they can eliminate them as quickly as possible, and thus ensure the real universalisation of the CWC.

Their joint and tireless work has contributed to the implementation of the CWC at the level of the Member States, which ensures ever greater security with regard to the use of prohibited chemical substances.

Likewise, Angola supports the OPCW's efforts to strengthen the CWC verification system, and recognizes that its role is essential for compliance with the Convention.

It is within this spirit that the Republic of Angola is deeply committed to the process of seeking solutions for the implementation of the resolution of the non-use of chemical weapons so that there may be international peace and security.

We hope that the work of this great Meeting will take place in a climate of peace and harmony, and, above all, that its conclusions will bring benefits not only to the Organization, but also to all Member States.

Angola would like to request that this statement should be published on the public website of the OPCW and the Catalyst as an official document of this session.

**I thank you for your kind attention.**