

STATEMENT
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Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Director-General for providing a comprehensive report on the progress and status review of the implementation of Article XI.

Mr. Chairperson,

International cooperation in the realm of chemical activities for peaceful purposes is a fundamental pillar of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Thus, it is essential for States Parties to actively facilitate the exchange of chemicals, equipment, and pertinent scientific and technical information related to the advancement and application of chemistry.

The Technical Secretariat in consultation and cooperation with the States Parties shall explore ways and means and take concrete measures with a view to achieve the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of this Article.

Mr. Chairperson,

Based on the CWC, States Parties should review their national regulations governing international exchanges and transfers of chemicals in order to ensure

their consistency with the provisions of the Convention. Needless to say that the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of Article XI requires that States Parties shall not maintain among themselves any restrictions, including those in any international and multilateral agreements, which restrict or impede trade and the development and promotion of scientific and technological knowledge in the field of chemistry for industrial, agricultural, research, medical, pharmaceutical or other peaceful purposes.

It is crucial to underscore that addressing the lack of substantial progress in implementing Article XI of the Convention requires a comprehensive and results-driven approach. The fulfillment of the Convention's objectives hinges on its thorough and effective implementation, particularly Article XI, in a balanced and all-inclusive manner.

In this vein, imposing any discriminatory restrictions such as unilateral coercive measures against other States Parties is contrary to the letter and spirit of the Convention, affect the Convention's long term viability, and have an adverse impact on the existing level of trust among the States Parties.

Lastly, addressing arrangements to explore ways and means to achieve the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of this Article, should be taken into consideration.

I request that this statement be considered as an official document of this session and posted on the OPCW catalyst and public website.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.