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Mr. Chairperson,

Syria calls on all States Parties to take concrete measures and adopt mechanisms to ensure the implementation of Article /11/ of the Convention by all States Parties. The text of this Article is clear and binding on States Parties to avoid obstructing the economic and technological development of other States Parties and for international cooperation in the field of chemical activities for purposes not prohibited under the Convention, including the international exchange of scientific and technical information, chemicals and equipment for the production, processing or use of chemicals for purposes not prohibited under this Convention. In the introduction to Paragraph (b) of the second item of this Article, the phrase “States Parties undertake to facilitate the fullest possible exchange of chemicals, equipment and scientific and technical information related to the development and application of chemistry for purposes not prohibited under this Convention and have the right to participate in such exchange.” In practical application and measuring the extent of the commitment of the States Parties to the faithful implementation of this article, we find the following:

1. The United States, the European Union and some other Western countries have imposed illegal restrictions on the transfer of scientific technology for peaceful purposes to many developing countries, subjecting these countries to illegal unilateral coercive measures, with the aim of preventing them from achieving economic and scientific development for their peoples, and preventing them from using chemistry for peaceful purposes. They have not only violated what is stipulated in the Convention, but these measures are a flagrant violation of international law, the Charter of the United Nations and relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly, most notably Resolution 2625 issued on October 24, 1970.

2. The United States of America and some Western countries increasingly keep imposing more of these unilateral coercive measures every year, expanding them to include basic and necessary aspects of life in many States Parties.

3. Moreover, these countries have worked to pass and adopt resolutions through the Policy-Making Organs of this Organization, through which these illegitimate and immoral unilateral coercive measures are executed. For example, the resolution adopted at the 28th Session of the

Conference of the States Parties in 2023, which represents the will of 69 States Parties to the Convention out of 193 States, in flagrant violation of the provisions of Articles 10 and 11 of the Chemical Weapons Convention. We have stated on many occasions that the aim of this resolution is to legitimize the sanctions and coercive measures imposed by Western countries against my country, Syria.

I would like to point out that my country, Syria, has suffered and is suffering from these unilateral coercive measures. These measures have exacerbated the humanitarian situation of the Syrian people and their disastrous effects have affected all aspects of the daily lives of Syrians. They are a form of indirect aggression against Syria, and their aim is to exert more economic pressure and political blackmail and prevent any way to restore security, stability and livelihoods in my country, Syria. Added to this catastrophic situation is the continued violation of Syria's sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity by the continued illegal presence of its military forces on Syrian territory, its support for separatist militias and terrorist organizations, and the theft of Syria's wealth in plain view.

It has become clear that those who violate the UN resolutions and the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention are the United States of America, the European Union, and some other countries. Above all, we hear from these countries talk about what they call the "rules-based system" as an alternative to the UN Charter and the principles and rules of international law, but it is certain that this system aims to achieve narrow political, military and economic interests for the United States of America and its allies only, and justifies the practice of acts of aggression, occupation and plunder of wealth in many countries, including Syria.

Thank you, and I hope that this statement will be considered an official document of the 107th Session of the Executive Council, and published on the OPCW public website and Catalyst.