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STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA AT THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES

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**Mr. President,
Mr. Director-General,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,**

The Delegation of the Republic of Angola welcomes His Excellency **Almir Šahović**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, President of the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Conference of States Parties and expresses its support in the conduct of this Conference, wishing success in the conclusion of the work.

We also extend our greetings to His Excellency **Suljuk Mustansar Tarar**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, for successfully chairing the work of the Twenty-eighth Session of the Conference of States Parties.

We take this opportunity to extend our support to His Excellency **Fernando Arias**, Director General of the OPCW and the Technical Secretariat, for their commitment to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

The Republic of Angola, aligns itself with the Statements of the African Group, made by His Excellency **Francis Kotia**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Ghana to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Non-Aligned Movement and China, presented by Her Excellency **Mirjam Blaak Sow**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda to the OPCW.

Mr. President,

Since the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, Angola has taken significant steps towards its implementation at a national level, having adopted concrete measures to adapt the legislation for the effective implementation of the Convention. In this way, we reiterate our position in cooperating for the universalization and strengthening of the implementation of the CWC, which we consider a relevant disarmament instrument, which contributes to peace and security in the world.

Angola remains engaged in strengthening the control of listed chemical products, to prevent their misuse, prohibited by the Convention by anyone, anywhere and under any circumstances, and has actively participated in the events organized by the Technical Secretariat, in collaboration with the Member States of the Organization.

In this regard, the Country maintains firm support for the Technical Secretariat, in the universalization of the Convention and encouragement of good practices, while supporting the implementation of programs aimed at the capacity building of Member States, hoping for better cooperation in the training of SADC States, PALOPS and CPLP, Members of the OPCW.

From now on, the **"Training Workshop for the Capacitation of Customs Officers and Members of the National Authorities of the Portuguese-speaking States Parties that Angola will host from 03 to 05 of December 2024"**, demonstrates the commitment of the Angolan Government to cooperate and support the efforts of the OPCW and its States Parties, so that we can all succeed in the implementation of the CWC, and wish the participating countries the most benefit from this important and significant event.

We also recognize the Organization's attention to the opportunities and threats of new emerging technologies, so we welcome the holding of the **"Global Conference on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in the Implementation of the CWC"**, which took place in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, from 22 to 24 October this year, wishing a prosperous future in the contribution of Artificial Intelligence to the implementation of the Convention.

Mr. President,

The current International situation should encourage States Parties to continue to strengthen the integrity of the OPCW and its technical nature, in the interests of the purposes of the Convention.

To this end, we take this opportunity to reiterate the Republic of Angola's commitment to disarmament, non-proliferation and the continuous search for solutions that contribute to the implementation of the CWC, in favour of International Peace and Security.

For this reason, we call on States that are not yet members to ratify or accede to the CWC and join the common purpose of a world free of the use of chemical weapons. The accession to the Convention is of fundamental importance for the eradication of chemical weapons.

The full implementation of all the provisions of the Convention contributes not only to International Peace and Security, but also to the economic and technological development of the Member States, and we believe that cooperation is essential to this objective.

Concerning the OPCW Programme for Africa, Angola recognizes the progress achieved and encourages the Technical Secretariat to maintain the execution of the tasks of the 6th Phase, highlighting the importance of the program as a tool to better train African States in preventing and combating chemical weapons.

Mr. President,

Angola, emphasizes the need to achieve gender and geographic balance in the composition of the Organization and encourage the continued promotion of the full, meaningful and effective participation of women in the implementation of the Convention.

To conclude, we reiterate the observance of consensus building as the main way to achieve the goals set by the Conference, in the interest of the objectives of the Convention.

I request that this Statement be considered an official document and published on the Organization's website.

Thank you for your attention