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SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

Mr. Chairperson,

Mr. Director General of OPCW,

Distinguished heads of delegations,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to welcome you with our Islamic greeting, **ALSALAM ALIKOM WA RAHMAT ALLAH WA BARAKATOH** “May God’s peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you” the phrases that carry our message of peace for all Humanity.

First of all, I would like to congratulate H.E. Mr Suljuk Mustansar Tarar on his selection to chair the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention, wishing him success in managing this conference. I also thank, at the same time, the previous chairperson of the twenty-seventh session of the Conference his Excellency Ambassador Vusimuzi Mandosela for his efforts in completing the work of the previous session. Furthermore, our deepest appreciation also goes to the Director General of the Organization, Mr. Fernando Arias, and all those responsible in the Technical Secretariat of OPCW, for their distinguished work and high professionalism in managing the organization’s affairs with all ability.

The government and people of the State of Kuwait fully believe in the pioneering role represented by the work of this organization, which has pledged itself to get rid of chemical weapons in order to spare the world from the destruction they represent and their serious harm to the humanity. Kuwait has been and continues to be one of the first to

participate in all international organizations and agreements that seek to Ensure global peace and security. The State of Kuwait also actively participates in all humanitarian relief efforts in various parts of the world because it believes that the entire world represents one family and that global concerns and fears are a common language among all countries of the world.

On the international side, the State of Kuwait seeks to aid the organization to achieve its goals by supporting international cooperation programs and providing donations to the Scientific Advisory Board because of its belief that science works to develop ways to get rid of these harmful substances, and spread the knowledge about them and raise awareness of their destructive effects, contribute to preventing their spread, and clarify the extent of the possibilities for their use for peaceful purposes that benefit the whole world. As for the local aspect, the State of Kuwait signed the agreement on January 27, 1993, and it was ratified on June 29, 1997. KUWAIT established its National Authority in 2000 to activate the terms of the agreement and communicate with all concerned parties in the State of Kuwait to fulfill the terms of the agreement. The National Authority participated with various local authorities in the State of Kuwait, we are developing the national plan for safety and security of chemicals, monitoring their life cycle, harmonizing legislation to issue a penal code consistent with the Convention and the hazardous chemicals listed in its schedule, effective cooperation with the organization and participation in OPWC regional programs. The National Authority also developed control mechanisms for chemicals listed in the convention's schedules.

The National Authority in the State of Kuwait is currently redrawing its strategy to keep pace with technological development and digital transformation and to exploit it for effective monitoring, speed of decision-making, and improving means of communication with the relevant authorities in the country.

In conclusion, the State of Kuwait expresses its permanent commitment to the agreement and its cooperation with the organization and all States Parties to achieve the lofty goal of the Convention," a world free of chemical weapons".

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Thank you.