

**Statement by  
Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia  
on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement**

**Thematic Debate: “Other Weapons of Mass Destruction”  
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**Mr. Chairman,**

1. I am honored to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. Non-fulfillment of the commitments and obligations assumed under the relevant international legally binding instruments, especially on weapons of mass destruction, continues to pose threats to global peace and security.
3. NAM States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons (CWC) note with satisfaction the effective operation of CWC, as a comprehensive multilateral treaty banning an entire category of WMD, providing for a verification system and promoting the use of chemicals for peaceful purposes. They urge United States, as the only remaining State Party, to take every necessary measure to ensure its compliance with the “Detailed plan for the destruction of Chemical Weapons remaining after the final extended destruction deadline of 29 April 2012”, in the shortest time possible, in order to achieve the complete elimination of all categories of chemical weapons, which is one of the main pillars of the Convention and the fundamental and top priority of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, and to uphold the credibility and integrity of the Convention. They express deep regret over the non-adoption of the report of the Fourth Special Session of the Conference of States Parties to Review the Operation of the Convention owing to lack of consensus, despite broad consultations and best efforts, and politicization on some issues. They call for promotion of international cooperation in the field of chemical activities for purposes not prohibited under the Convention without any discrimination and restriction.
4. NAM States Parties to the CWC invite all States that have not yet signed or ratified the Convention to do so as soon as possible. The accession of the State of Palestine, as the 193rd State Party in 2018, is a significant step towards achieving Convention’s universality.
5. NAM States Parties to the CWC reaffirm the importance of international cooperation in the field of chemistry for purposes not prohibited under CWC. NAM States Parties to the CWC reiterate their call on developed countries to promote international cooperation for the benefit of States Parties through the transfer of technology,

material and equipment for peaceful purposes in the chemical field and the removal of all and any discriminatory restrictions that are contrary to the letter and spirit of the Convention. NAM States Parties to the CWC recall that the full, balanced, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of all provisions of the Convention, in particular economic and technical development through international cooperation, is fundamental to the achievement of its object and purpose, and reaffirm the need to respect the principles included in the Convention, and call upon States Parties to the CWC to avoid the polarization and politicization of the work of the Organization, while encouraging States Parties to continue working cooperatively in the interest of consensus.

6. The use of chemical weapons and toxic chemicals, as weapons anywhere by anyone under any circumstances, is reprehensible and completely contrary to international law, particularly the provisions of the Convention. Those responsible for the use of chemical weapons must be held accountable.
7. NAM reiterates its condemnation of Israeli military aggression against the Gaza Strip in 2009 and July and August 2014 and the occupying power's indiscriminate shelling and bombing of Palestinian civilian areas. Expressing grave concern over the reported use in civilian areas of harmful and potentially fatal incendiary weapons, such as white phosphorous, NAM reiterates its call for a thorough investigation of this serious matter by relevant bodies under the appropriate international conventions and agreements.
8. International support to provide special care and assistance to all victims suffering from exposure to chemical weapons is an urgent humanitarian need. The States Parties to the Convention as well as the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) should pay attention to meeting those needs.
9. NAM State Parties to the CWC attach high importance to the OPCW and emphasize the importance of consensus in the decision-making process on matters of substance. The OPCW should be strengthened to deal with ongoing and future challenges within the confines of the CWC, without distorting the OPCW's mandate to uphold the authority and credibility of the OPCW.

**Mr. Chairman,**

10. NAM States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) consider that the Convention represents an important component of the international legal architecture related to WMD. They recognize that the lack of a verification system continues to pose challenge to effectiveness of the Convention. They call for resumption of multilateral negotiations to conclude a non-discriminatory legally binding Protocol, dealing with all Articles of the Convention, in a balanced and comprehensive manner to sustainably strengthen the Convention, including through verification measures. They urge the Party rejecting negotiations to reconsider its policy. They further emphasize the need for enhancing, without restrictions,

international cooperation, assistance and exchanges in toxins, biological agents, equipment and technology for peaceful purposes without any discrimination, in conformity with the Convention.

11. NAM States Parties to the BWC express satisfaction on the increased number of parties to the Convention, and supports the participation of NAM States Parties to the BWC in the Ninth Review Conference of the Convention.
12. In the context of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and its subsequent resolutions, NAM underlines the need to ensure that any action by the Security Council do not undermine the UN Charter, existing multilateral treaties on WMD, and international organizations established in this regard, as well as the functions, power and role of the General Assembly. NAM cautions against the continuing practice of the Security Council to utilize its authority to define legislative requirements for Member States in implementing its decisions. In this regard, NAM stresses that the issue of acquisition of WMD by non-State actors should be addressed in an inclusive and non-discriminatory manner by the GA, taking into account views of all Member States. NAM also stress that efforts should be strived for the comprehensive review of the implementation of the Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) to observe the principle of consensus and for it to be conducted through open, transparent and inclusive consultations with Member States. NAM takes note the conduct of an Open Consultation of the 1540 Committee on the Comprehensive Review of the Status of Implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004), held in New York on 31 May – 2 June 2022 and urges that the views expressed in the Open Consultations, especially by developing countries, be given due attention. NAM further stresses that the comprehensive review of the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) prior to the expiry of the Committee's mandate in November 2022 should strictly abide by the UN Charter, as well as relevant international legally binding instruments and the mandate of the aforementioned resolution, and be based on the main thrust to prevent the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery by non-state actors.
13. Under this cluster, NAM is presenting a draft resolution on "Measures to Uphold the Authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol." NAM will appreciate support by all Member States on it.
14. NAM reaffirms the need to prevent the emergence of new types of WMD, and therefore, supports the necessity of monitoring the situation and pursuing international action as required. In this regard, NAM welcomes the adoption of GA Resolution 75/31 entitled "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of WMD and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament".

Thank you.