

Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

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Cluster: Other Weapons of Mass Destruction

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Mr. Chairman,

1. Indonesia is aligned with statements of NAM and ASEAN.
2. The use of all weapons of mass destruction by anyone, anywhere and under any circumstances... cannot be justified.
3. It is inhumane, morally disgraceful and legally unacceptable.
4. The Conventions against chemical weapons, as well as the one against biological weapons... also prohibit the use of those weapons.
5. These two important Conventions are essential components of disarmament and non-proliferation architecture.
6. Therefore, strengthening disarmament architecture for all other weapons of mass destruction must also be our top priority.

Mr. Chairman,

7. The Convention on Chemical Weapons is one of the most successful multilateral instruments in disarmament and non-proliferations.
8. However, the threats toward international peace and security from the use of chemical weapons remain visible.

9. The only guarantee to avoid the use or the threat of use of the WMD is completely eliminate those weapons.
10. Therefore, Indonesia stresses the need for the remaining possessor countries to expedite its total destruction before the determined deadlines.
11. The destruction of all categories of chemical weapons under strict verification should continue to be accorded top priority.
12. Indonesia also underscores the important role of the OPCW to support States in implementing its obligation under the CWC.
13. For us, it is paramount that OPCW shall perform its duties free from politicization and maintain its impartiality and professionalism in undertaking its mandate.
14. Parallel to this, international cooperation and assistance in chemical activities for purposes not prohibited under the Convention should be promoted without any discrimination and restriction.

Mr. Chairman,

15. Indonesia also maintains its unequivocal commitment to upholding the norms against biological weapons.
16. The existences of biological and toxin weapons as well as its potential proliferation and misused constitute a growing threat to international peace and security.
17. In that regard, we need to continue our endeavor to strengthen the Convention.
18. Indonesia calls for the resumption of the multilateral negotiations for a legally binding Protocol dealing with all Articles of the Convention, in a balanced and comprehensive manner.

19. The lack of compliance mechanism or verification regime, which remains the major weakness of the Convention, must be addressed.
20. We also need an effective mechanism for cooperation and assistance, to ensure the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of Article X.
21. While maintaining these calls, Indonesia recognizes the value of the inter-sessional mechanisms for promoting the objectives of the Convention.
 - ➔ This includes the Confidence Building Measures report, which serve as a provisional tool for transparency.
22. In the lead up to the 9th Review Conference, Indonesia encourages Countries to galvanize political resolve to strengthen the resourcing, institutionalization and operation of the Convention.
23. Finally, Mr. Chairman, Indonesia takes note the conduct of the Comprehensive Review on the 1540 UNSC Committee, which took place in last May 2022.
24. Indonesia would like to reiterate our views that inclusive process of the Review is important and opportunities must continue be given to Member States to engage in the process.
25. We also maintain our view that this Resolution should neither duplicate nor contradict, but rather complement existing multilateral mechanism on disarmament and non-proliferation.

Mr. Chairman,

26. In closing, Indonesia calls for dialogue and consensus to be in the forefront of our work.

27. We wish to assure this esteemed body of my delegation's full support and readiness to engage constructively and to do its utmost for the attainment of a world free of WMD.

I thank you.

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