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INTRODUCTION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT,
PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS
AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION
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It is an honour and pleasure to introduce, on behalf of the Delegation of Poland, a draft resolution on the implementation of Chemical Weapons Convention.

It is already a long tradition, that Poland introduces the draft resolution on CWC implementation. This resolution is unique because:

- it is about the weapons of mass destruction, namely chemical weapons;
- it is about a successful story of multilateralism;
- every year it contains new elements, reflecting in objective manner the process of CWC implementation;
- the work on the resolution is conducted in the atmosphere of trust and transparency and
- it is supported overwhelmingly from all the regions and it is adopted by consensus.
Our aim is to continue these good traditions and we will do our best with this regard.

The resolution on implementation of Chemical Weapons Convention has remained this year very timely. In our work on the draft we concentrated on the developments in the CWC implementation since the adoption of the last year's resolution. There were real achievements and some challenges which found their reflection in this year's draft. Therefore the draft introduces the following new elements:

- Reaffirmation of the obligation of the States parties to destroy chemical weapons within the time limits provided for by the Convention. This important substantive addition was made for the first time in the history of the CWC resolution. Therefore introduction of this paragraph is the serious achievement of all delegations, which worked constructively and in a spirit of understanding and cooperation;
- The resolution welcomes the appointment of Rogelio Pfister as the Director General of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW;
A reference was also made to the beginning of work on the preparations for the Second Special Session of the Review Conference of the State parties;

- A special emphasis was made to the Tenth Anniversary of entry into force of the Convention and the unveiling in the Hague, on 9 May 2007, of a Permanent Memorial to All Victims of Chemical Weapons.

A special emphasis was made on maintaining importance of the Action Plan on the Implementation of Article VII (national implementation measures). Draft resolution also stresses importance of Article VII and Article X in the fight against terrorism. It is the first reference in any UNGA resolution to importance of national implementation of a disarmament treaty in fight against terrorism;

Importance of the role of the international co-operation and assistance was confirmed. The resolution will also reaffirm the importance of Article XI provisions relating to the economic and technological development of States parties and recall that the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of these provisions contributes to universality.

We consider that the text of this year resolution is well balanced. It shows an unequivocal support of the United Nations for the full and effective implementation of all the provisions of the Convention.

Our basic assumption and goal was to ensure, like in last years, consensus approval for the resolution. Consensus is crucial to provide an unequivocal support of the United Nations for the implementation of the Convention.

Let me express gratitude and thanks to the Delegations participating in the extensive consultations on the new draft resolution on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. These consultations confirmed existence of a broad political support in all regions for the implementation of the Convention in its entirety. The agreed - and presented today – consensus draft resolution is a material expression of this support.

As in previous years Poland will remain a sole sponsor of the draft resolution on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The sole sponsorship supported in various consultations, ensures regional and political balance and broad support for the resolution.

Delegation of Poland asks for the approval of the draft resolution on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention without a vote.