

STATEMENT

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Introduction of a draft resolution on ***“Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapon and on Their Destruction”***,
under agenda item 97 (j).

Mr. Chairman,

1. 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 (doc. A/C.1/60/L.31).
2. The resolution on implementation of Chemical Weapons Convention remains this year very timely. The draft reflects real progress achieved in the CWC implementation and the work of the Organisation for the Prohibition of the Chemical Weapons in The Hague since the adoption of the last year's resolution. Therefore the draft introduces the following new elements:
 - A special emphasis was made on maintaining importance of the Action Plan on the Implementation of Article VII (national implementation measures). The resolution will welcome progress made in the implementation of the Action Plan. It will urge States parties that have not fulfilled their obligations under Article VII to do so without further delay.
 - Importance of the role of the international co-operation and assistance was confirmed. The resolution will, for the first time, 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 will contribute to universality.
 - Emphasis was made on the role of the full and effective implementation of all provisions of the Convention, including the Convention's provisions on national implementation (Article VII) and assistance and protection against chemical weapons (Article X) in the global fight against terrorism.
 - The resolution will also note the substantial contribution of the Technical Secretariat and the Director General, to the continued development and success of the Organisation.
3. Our basic assumption and goal was to ensure, like in last years, a consensus approval for the resolution. Consensus is crucial to provide an unequivocal support of the United Nations to the implementation of the Convention. During extensive bilateral and two open-ended consultations attended by many Delegations, we were assured about the support for this draft and readiness to join consensus on it.
4. Let me express gratitude and thanks to all the Delegations participated in the consultations on the draft resolution. These consultations confirmed existence of a broad political support in all regions for the implementation of the Convention in its entirety. The friendly and business like atmosphere was another positive feature of these consultations.
5. The agreed in these consultations - and presented today - draft resolution on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention is a material expression of this support.
6. 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 the consultations, will assist in ensuring regional and political balance and broad support for the resolution.
7. We consider that the draft text of the resolution on the CWC implementation is well balanced. It provides an unequivocal support of the United Nations to the full and effective implementation of all the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention and stresses importance of universal adherence to it.
8. Delegation of Poland asks for the approval of the draft resolution on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention without a vote.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman