

**VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)**

**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE NON-ALIGNED  
MOVEMENT THAT ARE STATES PARTIES TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
CONVENTION AND CHINA  
IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE AS A STATE PARTY  
OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION  
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THE OPCW  
AT THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES  
PARTIES TO REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
CONVENTION**

The Non-Aligned Movement that are States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention and China (NAM CWC States Parties and China) taking into account the Political Declaration adopted at the Ministerial Meeting, held in New York, on 26 September 2018, in which the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the NAM States Parties:

Reaffirmed and underscored the Movement's abiding faith in and strong commitment to its founding principles, ideals and purposes, particularly in establishing a peaceful and prosperous world and a just and equitable world order, as well as to the purposes and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter;

Reaffirmed that the United Nations, its Charter, and international law remain indispensable tools and central in the preservation and maintenance of international peace and security and the strengthening of international cooperation;

Underlined that the strict observance of the principles of international law and the fulfilment in good faith of the obligations assumed by States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, is of the utmost importance for the maintenance of international peace and security;

Reiterated their strong concern at the growing resort to unilateralism and unilaterally imposed measures that undermine the UN Charter and international law, and further reiterated its commitment to promoting, preserving and strengthening multilateralism and the multilateral decision-making process through the UN, by strictly adhering to its Charter and international law, with the aim of creating a just and equitable world order and global democratic governance;



Recalling the resolution 67/19 of 29 November 2012, by which the General Assembly of the United Nations decided to accord to Palestine non-member observer State status in the United Nations;

Recognising that since the Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Third Review Conference), the number of States Parties to the Convention has risen to 193 with five new States Parties namely, the Federal Republic of Somalia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of Angola and the State of Palestine;

Stressing that the State of Palestine deposited on 17 May 2018 its instrument of accession to the Chemical Weapons Convention with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and it entered into force for the State of Palestine on 16 June 2018; and

Taking note of the Report of the Credentials Committee (RC-4/2 dated 21 November 2018) on the Credentials of Representatives to the Fourth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Fourth Review Conference) and welcoming the membership of the State of Palestine, and its active participation in the Fourth Review Conference.

The NAM CWC States Parties and China, express our strong support to the State of Palestine as a State Party of the Chemical Weapons Convention. In this regard, we reject any attempts to undermine the sovereign rights of the State of Palestine, including the right to membership, and we oppose any such reference within the conference documents.

The NAM CWC States Parties and China encourage States Parties to work cooperatively and accommodatingly in order to achieve the successful conclusion of this Session and to neither polarise nor politicise the work of this Organisation.

We kindly request that this paper be circulated as an official document of the Fourth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and posted on the website and external server of the OPCW.