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PARTIES ON THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
(AGENDA ITEM 18)**

Mr Chairman,
Director-General,
Distinguished delegates,

Poland attaches utmost importance and supports the efforts aimed at universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention. In that regard active and continued coordination of the work on the annual UN General Assembly Resolution on the implementation of the Convention is a concrete input Poland has made, throughout many years, to promote the effective prohibition of chemical weapons.

The Chemical Weapons Convention Resolution is a unique document. It provides United Nations support for implementation of all four pillars of the Convention and emphasises the importance of its universality. The Resolution calls upon all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention without delay. It is our honour and pleasure to inform you that this year again the Resolution on the implementation of the Convention has been adopted without a vote by the UN General Assembly First Committee in New York. Beforehand, its content had been widely consulted with the delegations in The Hague and at the UN, including with the States not Parties to the Convention, who joined the consensus on this important document. By adopting the Resolution the United Nations has expressed unequivocal support for the prohibition of chemical weapons and the work of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Poland would like to thank all States Parties for continuous support and co-operation in the process of adoption of the Resolution.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.

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