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**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE NON-ALIGNED
MOVEMENT THAT ARE STATES PARTIES TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS
CONVENTION AND CHINA
AT THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 18 “PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES IN THE FIELD OF CHEMICAL ACTIVITIES”**

Madam Chairperson,

The “Facilitator’s Informal Document” on Article XI was presented to the delegations at an informal meeting held on 25 November 2015. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the new facilitator of Article XI for her report and convening the 25th Informal Consultation.

During the 25th meeting the abovementioned document was presented to the delegations. This document includes the elements of the action plan proposed by the NAM CWC States Parties and China to the Third Review Conference, the relevant decision taken at the Sixteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties, the recommendations of the Third Review Conference and the inputs from workshops/seminars held on Article XI.

We look forward to the continuation of Article XI facilitation for further deliberation of the document as soon as possible aimed at reaching a decision in order to fully implement all the provisions of Article XI in an effective and non-discriminatory manner.

We are of the view that 17 years after the entry into force of the Convention, the provisions of Article XI of the Convention are still to be fully implemented. Therefore, there is a lot of work remaining to be done for realising all aspects of this Article of the Convention.

Last but not the least, the NAM CWC States Parties and China will participate actively and constructively in future Article XI facilitations for deliberation of the presented document. We hope the facilitation continues as soon as possible for finding out consensus on the document and achieving concrete outcomes in order to fully implement all the provisions of the Article XI in an effective and non-discriminatory manner and encourage all delegations in a position to do so.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

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