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Declaration of the Argentine Delegation before the  
Second Conference of Revision of the Implementation of the  
Convention for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

Mr. Chairman:

I congratulate you on your appointment to chair this Conference and assure you that my Delegation will contribute to its success. I also wish to congratulate the Working Group chaired by the British Permanent Representative, which allowed us to arrive at this Conference in a state of good preparation. Also, I underline the work of the Technical Secretariat and of the Director General and the growth in ratifications and fulfilment of the CWC in recent times.

Today, the OPCW generates a climate of confidence that is essential to international peace and stability. To that end, my Government takes part in its activities in general and promotes international cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean, having recently undertaken Regional Workshops on Inspection Escort Training and on Prevention and Assistance against Chemical Weapons. Soon, it will host a Seminar on the Legislative Aspects of Implementation, thus sharing its experience in the matter.

Hoping to achieve a more complete fulfilment of the CWC, my Government exhorts possessor countries to fulfil the deadlines and conditions established therein.

At the same time and trusting in the OPCW's capabilities to that end, it calls for the continued improvement of the implementation of verification under a just system.

Finally, seeking to strengthen OPCW activities in that field and in view of new chemical weapon scientific and technical developments, my Delegation will carefully follow this Conference's work in that regard.

Thank you.