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Statement

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Chair,

1. Thailand aligns itself with the statements of NAM and ASEAN.
2. Disarmament and non-proliferation of **other weapons of mass destruction (WMD)** – notably chemical and biological weapons – remain integral to the global disarmament architecture. The potential use of these weapons by *any actor* continues to pose a serious threat to international peace and security.
3. In this regard, Thailand wishes to highlight three key points.
4. *First*, we must strengthen **full and effective implementation** of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC).
5. Thailand reaffirms its support for **the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)** in fulfilling its verification mandate and contributing to the effective implementation of the CWC.
6. As a **Friend of the Chair for National Implementation Measures**, Thailand fully supports the ongoing efforts under the **Working Group on the Strengthening of the BWC**. We view this progress as a valuable pathway to bridge differences amongst the States Parties, including on the consideration of a verification mechanism to enhance the Convention's effectiveness.
7. *Second*, we must **elevate our efforts** at all levels to counter WMD proliferation.
8. Thailand recognizes the indispensable role of the **UNSC Resolution 1540** in preventing WMDs and their means of delivery from falling into the wrong hands. We adopt a **whole-of-government approach** to support interdiction and national implementation efforts. At the regional level, a **Joint Regional Outreach Workshop** was organised by the UNODA in Bangkok on **Strengthening Regional Support for the Global Norm against Biological Weapons in the Context of the BWC, UNSCR 1540 and the UNSGM** .
9. *Third*, **peaceful uses** of biological and chemical science and technologies are a **key enabler of sustainable development**.
10. Thailand remains committed to **promoting international cooperation, capacity-building efforts, and responsible technology transfer**. We support ongoing discussions to establish a mechanism to advance international cooperation and assistance under Article X of the BWC. We can harness

scientific innovation for peaceful purposes and contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

11. In closing, Thailand calls for strengthened collaboration among all States and relevant stakeholders to address evolving challenges and move closer to **a world free of all Weapons of Mass Destructions.**

Thank you.
