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National Implementation of the CWC in the Kyrgyz Republic

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Chairperson, Director General, Distinguished Delegates, CWC Coalition Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following statement is about implementation by the Kyrgyz Republic of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction of January 13, 1993.

National legislation:

In 1997, the Kyrgyz Republic signed the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, Use of Chemical Weapons and their Destruction (CWC). Further, the Convention was ratified by the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic dated April 29, 2003 No. 89.

There are no chemical weapons on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic and no listed chemicals under the Convention are produced.

As a consequence, Kyrgyzstan's compliance with the requirements of the CWC is limited to the observance of its obligations with regard to prohibitions on chemical weapons and declarative activities.

In this regard, the Kyrgyz Republic submits an annual report to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW on exports and imports of Scheduled chemicals, as well as information on national protection programmes against chemical weapons under Article X of the Convention.

In accordance with Article VII of the CWC, the Government, by Order No. 613 of August 24, 2006, designated the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic as the implementing agency for this Convention.

The Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic is also an authorized body in the field of export control.

The DOE issues export and import licenses for all types of controlled goods and chemicals subject to export control in accordance with normative legal acts in the field of export control and according to the Statute of the Ministry.

For this purpose the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic No. 30 "On Export Control" dated January 23, 2003 was adopted in the Kyrgyz Republic, and the National Control List of Controlled Products of the Kyrgyz Republic was approved (Resolution No. 197 of April 02, 14). This National Control List is harmonized with the international nonproliferation regimes and includes the List of export-controlled chemicals, equipment, and technologies that can be used in the production of chemical weapons.

Recent Developments in Implementation:

For more complete implementation of requirements of the Convention concerning foreign trade in listed chemicals, most recently Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic of 3 August 2021, No. 104, approved the Regulations on implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction of 13 January 1993.

These regulations regulate the issues of interaction between the national body of the Kyrgyz Republic on the implementation of the CWC with other agencies involved in the implementation of the Convention and define the procedure for internal control over the accounting, use, storage and transportation of controlled chemicals.

Work on Further Implementation is in Progress:

Work is underway to update the National Control List of Goods Subject to Export Controls, including updating the list of chemicals.

In addition, to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery, including through the establishment of appropriate controls over related materials, drafting of normative legal acts is conducted in order to establish criminal and administrative responsibility for violations of export control legislation, including in the sphere of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.