



Country: Croatia

Committee: The Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC)

Topic: The Regulation of Chemical Weapon Possession and Usage

The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), which forbids the creation, manufacture, storage, and use of chemical weapons, is ratified by the Republic of Croatia. Croatia has ratified the agreement and is determined to fulfill its responsibilities, which include destroying any disclosed chemical arsenals and facilities for armaments. Croatia is in line with international initiatives aimed at getting rid of chemical weapons and stopping their spread. Only four nations are not now members of the CWC, out of 193 governments. North Korea, South Sudan, Egypt, and Israel have all signed but not ratified. Israel has signed but not ratified. Croatia also acknowledges the crucial role that the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) plays in ensuring CWC compliance. We applaud the OPCW for its relentless efforts to advance accountability, transparency, and the peaceful use of chemistry.

But even with recent decades' notable advancements, the threat presented by chemical weapons remains. Accounts of its application, especially in areas of conflict, provide as sobering reminders of the difficulties that lie ahead. Croatia highlights the value of strong international coordination and cooperation in tackling these issues, such as by enhancing national and international legislative frameworks, capacity-building programs, and the exchange of knowledge and best practices. Furthermore, Croatia emphasizes how important it is to hold everyone accountable—regardless of their status or affiliation—who uses chemical weapons. The whole power of international law must be applied to impunity, and those who commit crimes must be brought to justice.

Croatia concludes by pleading with all of the Member States to step up their efforts to eradicate chemical weapons from the planet. Let's put forth endless effort to defend the concepts of non-proliferation, disarmament, and civilian protection. We have to work together to create a future that is more secure and safe for everyone. In this regard, CWC ought to be reevaluated with the assistance of the house and expanded in accordance with global demands.