

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

- Event:** International Conference on Chemical Disarmament and Security: The OPCW's Contributions to Global Peace and Security
- Location:** Doha, State of Qatar
- Date:** 10 to 11 April 2107
- Organisers:** State of Qatar, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
- Participants:** *Governments:* Bhutan, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Guinea, Iraq, Maldives, Malaysia, Nigeria, Qatar, Serbia, South Africa, United States  
*International Organisations:* International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL), Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), World Customs Organisation (WCO), 1540 Group of Experts  
*Regional Organisations:* Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)  
*Non-Governmental Organisations:* Brazilian Association for the Chemical Industry (ABIQUIM), Chemical Industries Association (UK), European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC), Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Indian Chemical Council (ICC). UK Chemical Industries Association

### Background

The Technical Secretariat of the OPCW and the government of the State of Qatar jointly organised the conference, The Conference was held in connection with the celebration of the OPCW's 20th founding anniversary. The objectives of the Conference were to:

- Highlight the contributions of the OPCW to chemical disarmament and security in the past 20 years;
- Create a forum for discussions on the experiences of the international community and achievements to date in chemical disarmament and security, and enable participants to exchange views on future directions and priorities;
- Facilitate understanding of current approaches to chemical security and identify trends as well as areas that need to be addressed.

### Highlights

The proceedings of the conference included three panel discussions on the following topics:

- International, regional and national regulatory mechanisms and networks;
- Industry initiatives; and,
- Current and emerging threats.
- The panellists in each session were comprised of experts from international, regional and national organisations and entities, who discussed and shared their knowledge and experiences from a variety of perspectives on chemical security and preventing proliferation.

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An exhibition was organised by the State of Qatar on its national implementation activities and a commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the OPCW.

**Additional Comments**

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