

Country: Democratic Republic of the Congo
Committee: Disarmament and International Security Committee
Agenda Item: The Regulation of Chemical Weapon Possession and Usage



The Democratic Republic of the Congo, also known as Congo-Kinshasa, DRC, DR Congo, or simply the Congo is a country in Central Africa. By land area, the Democratic Republic of Congo is the second-largest country in Africa and the 11th-largest in the world. With a population of around 112 million, the Democratic Republic of the Congo is the most populous Francophone country in the world. The national capital and largest city is Kinshasa, which is also the economic center.

Firstly, we would like to mention about the Chemical Weapon Convention. The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), officially the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, is an arms control treaty administered by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), an intergovernmental organization based in The Hague, The Netherlands. The treaty entered into force on 29 April 1997. It prohibits the use of chemical weapons, and also prohibits large-scale development, production, stockpiling, or transfer of chemical weapons or their precursors, Participation in the Chemical Weapons Convention except for very limited purposes. The main obligation of member states under the convention is to effect this prohibition, as well as the destruction of all current chemical weapons. All destruction activities must take place under OPCW verification.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo deposited its instrument of ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 12 October 2005. Thirty days after that date, we became the 175th State Party to the Convention.

Our country awares of the fact that the chemical weapon usage has always been an important issue in the World's history. We believe we may keep the war standarts in an ethical circle by reducing the usage of chemical weapons while being aware of its critical damage.

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Chemical Weapons Convention

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