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**Statement for the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)**

The President of the United Nations General Assembly, H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe, welcomes the awarding of the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and congratulates the Organization for the recognition the award brings to its tremendously important work of overseeing the destruction of chemical weapons worldwide.

President Ashe also noted that the award recognizes the important work of the OPCW in promoting global peace and security, acknowledges the OPCW's continued commitment to disarmament and non-proliferation, and underscores the importance of the international community working together to eliminate the remaining stockpiles of chemical weapons and get rid of these weapons of mass destruction once and for all.

President Ashe applauds Director-General, Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü, and all staff of the Organization for their efforts to fulfil the Organization's mandate and extends his best wishes to them.

Statement attributable to the Spokesperson