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THE OPCW AT THE 100TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6(F)**

Mr Chairperson, my delegation has time and again expressed its serious concerns that in recent years, a few non-consensual decisions are overruling the Chemical Weapons Convention. The decision entitled “Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use” (C-SS-4/DEC.3) is an example of this and was the inappropriate output of the Fourth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties. The consequences of this decision, adopted with only 82 votes in favour, is clearly reminiscent of the fact that this Organisation is going far away from its traditional consensus, especially on vital issues. The decision has unacceptably tasked the Technical Secretariat with conducting attribution-oriented investigations and thereby deflecting the Organisation from its technical and specialised nature and well-defined mandate.

The establishment of the Investigation and Identification Team (IIT) and its reports are another consequence of the aforementioned decision. The first report of the IIT was not grounded on valid and reliable information and sources, and it led to another unfair and unacceptable decision in the Ninety-Fourth Session of the Executive Council (EC-94/DEC.2), ignoring seven years of cooperation of the Syrian Arab Republic with the Technical Secretariat. The second report of the IIT was also published in an unprofessional and improper move just one week before the second part of the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Conference of the States Parties and was inserted in its annotated provisional agenda while the States Parties did not have enough time to review the report and study the information therein.

The decision “Addressing the Possession and Use of Chemical Weapons by the Syrian Arab Republic” (C-25/DEC.9)—just like its preceding decision—ignores the constant and growing cooperation of this State Party with the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW. Thank you.

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