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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR ŞABAN DIŞLI
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TO THE OPCW AT THE 100TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 8**

Mr Chairperson, countering terrorism in all its forms and manifestations has been a priority for Türkiye. International cooperation is a must to overcome this global challenge. Likewise, chemical terrorism is a serious threat that we must eliminate.

The most effective way to fight against such terrorist threats is the full and effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention). The OPCW has a key role through its capacity-building activities, enhancing national implementation of States Parties.

The Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism (OEWG-T) gives the OPCW an important opportunity to discuss the Convention's response to the global threat of terrorism. In this context, I thank the Chairperson of the OEWG-T, Ambassador Madonsela of South Africa for his efforts.

Mr Chairperson, I categorically reject the fabricated allegations by the Syrian Arab Republic's representative. This is yet another attempt by Syria to divert attention from its well-documented violations of the Convention.

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