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OPCW AT THE 101ST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 10(I)**

Mr Chairperson,

We proceed based on the fact that this special fund was created through a decision of the Conference of the States Parties in 2015 to financially support the OPCW's scheduled missions conducted "outside of the usual programme and budget cycle". In fact, the moment the decision was taken to establish the special fund for special OPCW missions, discussions turned to the allocation of funds for supporting the work of the Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) investigating the use of chemical weapons in Syria. The resources (EUR 1,530,991) transferred from the 2013 cash balance to the special fund have been utilised in full. Since 2016, the fund has been extended annually, although according to the Note by the Director-General (EC-101/DG.19, dated 19 September 2022), its balance has remained at exactly zero since 2020. Aside from the funds initially transferred to it, no additional replenishments have been carried out.

When considering financial matters related to the Organisation's activities, the Russian Federation is guided by the budget line for financing the OPCW's programmed activities primarily from the main budget and the gradual decrease in utilising extrabudgetary mechanisms.

In this regard, in spite of the fact that we find the extension of the special fund for special OPCW missions for another 12-month period inadvisable, we will not speak out against the decision this time. We proceed from the fact that next year, the Executive Council will revisit the Russian proposal on not renewing this fund.

We request that this statement be circulated as an official document of the 101st Session of the Council and published on the Catalyst platform and the OPCW website.

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