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**STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY TO THE OPCW AT
THE SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Thank you Mr Chairman,

Allow me first to express our deep appreciations to Director-General Mr. Ahmet Üzümcü and Special Coordinator Ms. Sigrid Kaag for their comprehensive reports on the progress made so far, with respect to the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons.

On this occasion, I would like to reiterate Turkey's deep concern as regards the slow pace of removal of the chemical weapons from Syria.

It has been confirmed by the OPCW-UN Joint Mission that Syria has the necessary means and resources to complete the removal of the chemical weapons.

Therefore, Turkey expects the completion of the removal and destruction of the chemical weapons in an expeditious manner.

In this context, I believe the Executive Council should continue to closely monitor the actions to be taken by Syria in the coming period.

Finally, I would like to register Turkey's expectation in terms of the physical destruction of the 12 chemical weapons production facilities in Syria, as required by the Chemical Weapons Convention.

I would like to request that this statement be treated as an official document of the Seventy- Fifth Session of the Executive Council.

Can I also request this statement be posted on the OPCW website as well as the external server.

Thank you.

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