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OPCW AT THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson,

Thank you for giving me the floor.

I would like also to thank the Director-General for his comprehensive statement and wish to commend him and the Technical Secretariat for their great work.

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by Ambassador Haifa Aissami Madah of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on behalf of the NAM States Parties to the Convention and China.

Mr Chairperson, Director-General, distinguished delegates,

A world free of chemical weapons is our shared goal.

The destruction of all categories of chemical weapons has been, and should remain, the most important undertaking that all States Parties shall make. All chemical weapons, therefore, must be destroyed.

While there has been significant progress in their elimination since the Convention's entry into force, further and effective necessary steps shall still be taken to expedite the destruction process.

We support the continued work of the Fact-Finding Mission to investigate any credible and substantiated allegations of chemical weapons used in the Syrian Arab Republic, as mandated pursuant to the Convention.

We commend the continued efforts of the fact-finding mission in ensuring investigation of the allegations reported by the Syrian authorities.

We urge all parties to cooperate more constructively in the ongoing investigations. We look forward to a substantial, objective and thorough report in an end towards a comprehensive solution.

We encourage the Declaration Assessment Team to address the issues of inaccuracies, inconsistencies, and discrepancies in their report. In this context, and given the continuously challenging situations, my delegation wishes to encourage effective consultations and engagements of the international community and the States Parties with the objective to resolve all the outstanding issues in a spirit of mutual trust, maximum transparency and productive cooperation.



Indonesia remains fully committed in supporting programmes and activities making practical and valuable contributions to the work of the OPCW. One of the programmes that Indonesia adheres to is the chemical safety and security.

In this regard, I would like to seize this opportunity to inform the members of the Executive Council that Indonesia will be hosting, from 24 to 26 April, the Table Top Exercise related to Article X of the Convention. We expect that participants will share lessons-learned and best practices to improve the capacity in the emergency response against possible weapons attack or disasters of dangerous chemicals leakage during the exercise.

Finally, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to delegates for their expressed confidence given to me in my capacity as Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Preparation of the Fourth Review Conference. I will reserve my further remarks as I will be briefing before you on the preparatory process of the Review Conference as itemised under Agenda 15 on Thursday, 15 March 2018.

I would like to request that this statement be published as an official document of the Eighty-Seventh Session of the Executive Council.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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