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**STATEMENT BY H.E. JAN LUCAS VAN HOORN
AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OPCW
AT THE THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr. Chairman,

I fully support the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union.

I take this opportunity to reiterate the support of the Netherlands for the decision of this Council, endorsed by the United Nations Security Council.

The Netherlands recognises the challenges that face the OPCW in executing the mandate it has in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme.

In light of this, the Government of the Netherlands has already contributed EUR 1.5 (one and a half) million to the Trust Fund for Syria.

In addition, the Netherlands has offered air transport for inspection teams that will need to fly to the region in the coming weeks and months.

Also, the Netherlands is ready to assist, where it can, with expert personnel and equipment. In this regard, my delegation looks forward to the needs assessment announced by the Director-General and remains in close contact with the Technical Secretariat.

We look forward to regular updates on progress in the implementation of the Council's decision.

I request that this statement be issued as an official document of this Thirty-Third Meeting of the Executive Council.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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