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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN AT THE THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson,

I welcome the report of the Director-General this morning at the Executive Council.

Spain fully associates itself with the declaration delivered by Greece on behalf of the European Union.

However, I should like to take this opportunity to underline some issues which are currently of paramount importance for the implementation of the chemical disarmament plan agreed by us all.

- (a) As pointed out by many delegations this morning, the delay in the transport of chemical agents outside the Syrian territory is a matter of serious concern. Spain is aware of the volatility of the security situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and the suffering of the Syrian people.
- (b) However, as stated in the report on the assessment of the OPCW-UN Joint Mission, submitted by the Secretary General of the United Nations to the President of the Security Council, sufficient materials and equipment for the transport of chemical agents have already been delivered safely.
- (c) We therefore consider that complying with the deadlines established in the decisions of the Executive Council, adopted by all of us, is of the utmost importance.
- (d) Spain considers that, in accordance with the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the relevant decisions of the Executive Council, the Syrian Arab Republic must destroy by 15 March 2014, in an irreversible way, the 12 chemical production facilities, for which conversion was rejected by this Organisation.

I should like to underline the ambition of this Organisation in its mission of chemical disarmament, as well as its non-proliferation objective, which constitute its main strength, and we all must continue to support them with our efforts and political will.

I would like to request that this national statement be considered as an official document.

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