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**STATEMENT BY H.E. MARY WHELAN
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRELAND TO THE OPCW
AT THE THIRTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Chairman,

Ireland fully aligns itself with the statement made by Greece on behalf of the European Union and the other States that associated with that statement.

At the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Executive Council, Ireland like many other members of the Council, expressed its concerns at the delays which have arisen in implementing the decision adopted at our 15 November meeting on the destruction of the Syrian Arab Republic's chemical weapons. This concern has not diminished.

In advance of our session of the Executive Council of 4 March we expect substantial and sustainable progress to be made by the Syrian Arab Republic to address the delays which have occurred so that agreed deadlines can be respected. The credibility of the OPCW is at stake.

I ask that this statement be circulated as an official document of this session of the Executive Council.

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