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**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR MARÍA TERESA INFANTE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHILE TO THE OPCW AT THE
FORTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

We would like to thank the Director-General and the Chairperson of the Executive Council for convening this meeting, and for the last monthly report on the Progress in the Elimination of the Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme, together with additional background information.

We hope that the recent visit to Syria by the Declaration Assessment Team and the involvement of the Syrian Government will contribute to closing the gaps and clarifying the inconsistencies that were found in Syria's initial declaration on its chemical weapons programme. We will carefully analyse the new report that the team in charge will be submitting today, and we believe that the continuation of this work will produce satisfactory results. We hope that with this and previous reports, the Council, together with the Director-General and the Technical Secretariat, will consider convening future meetings on the elimination of the Syrian programme at the necessary frequency.

We recognise the efforts of the Technical Secretariat aimed at carrying out the Council's decision last July regarding the destruction of 12 chemical weapons production facilities, and we greatly appreciate the most recent advances in the technical and economic discussions meant to facilitate said destruction. We trust that negotiations will soon be concluded and that it will be possible to move forward with a final work schedule.

As regards these tasks and purposes, we welcome the Director-General's decision to nominate Ambassador José Artur Denot Medeiros as his Special Adviser for Syria. We are certain that his knowledge of and experience with the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction and the work of this Organisation will strengthen communication with the Syrian Government as well as the implementation of the Council's corresponding decisions regarding said country's chemical disarmament programme.

We very much appreciate the submission of the combined plan for the destruction and verification of the Al-Maliha ricin production facility. We believe it advisable to approve the draft decision that has been submitted in such a way as to take advantage of the first moment at which the facility becomes accessible to the destruction and verification teams, in light of the prevalent internal security situation, in an effort to solidify this mission.



We reiterate our support for the work done by the Technical Secretariat regarding the efforts of the Fact-Finding Mission in Syria on the use of chlorine and await with interest the upcoming report on the investigation into the attacks launched in three villages in said country. At the same time, we support the continued review of allegations, where the work should account for all of the new cases arising and pointing to the possible hostile use of toxic chemicals, regardless of their origin. We express our trust that this Council will take on this matter in a transparent and objective manner.

Finally, we ask that this statement be made an official document of this meeting and that it be included on the OPCW website.

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