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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF LATVIA TO THE OPCW
AT THE FIFTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson, Director-General, colleagues,

Latvia fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the Netherlands on behalf of the European Union. As pointed out in the EU statement, “the paramount consideration has to remain security”.

I also wanted to indicate that the Heads of States and Governments of the European Union on 19 February 2016 stated that stabilising Libya remains a high priority for regional and European security. This includes preventing any terrorist activities in the region.

In this regard, I would like to commend the work done so far by the Organisation and the present efforts of Director-General and Technical Secretariat in finding a way and the means to better address the destruction of the remaining category 2 chemical weapons possessed by Libya.

Latvia will support any agreed decision that is based on careful study and selection of the most feasible options laid before us.

I thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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