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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR HIROSHI INOMATA  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPAN TO THE OPCW  
AT THE FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

I thank the Director-General for the updated information this morning.

Japan fully and consistently supports the current work of the Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) and the OPCW-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism (JIM), and welcomes that the FFM has already begun its activities on the alleged use of chemical weapons on 4 April in Khan Shaykhun, Southern Idlib in the Syrian Arab Republic.

We have no doubt about the competence, credibility and impartiality of the FFM. Therefore, Japan opposes the draft decision submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation.

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