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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
TO THE OPCW AT THE FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Thank you, Mr Chairperson,

We appreciate the update by the Director-General on the work of the OPCW m in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. We are looking forward to the findings of their work.

Kazakhstan earned a solid reputation of an uncompromising opponent of all types of weapons of mass destruction, including chemical weapons and chemical substances. We stand against any use of weapons of mass destruction and consider it as immoral, inhuman and alien to the principles of humanity.

We express deep concern regarding the tragic incident with the possible use of chemical substances on the territory of the United Kingdom.

We count on a comprehensive, objective and impartial investigation of the incident in accordance with the existing norms of international law, primarily based on the provisions of the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. We expect to be introduced to the conclusions and evidence of such an investigation.

We expect the disclosure firstly: of the concrete facts and evidence confirming the use of specific type of chemical warfare and only after that the conclusion on the involvement of individuals, non-State actors or States in the mentioned incident in Salisbury.

We express our hopes for stabilization of relations and confidence re-building between involved countries, preservation of the integrity of OPCW, continuous joint stand against common threats to global security and rejection of "political bloc mentality". We encourage all the interested countries to take action to resolve the dispute within the principles of the international law and according to the values of the Astana Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe declaration on comprehensive approach to security based on trust and transparency.

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