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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR REGINA CORDEIRO DUNLOP
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AT THE FIFTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson,

Brazil received with great concern the results of the report of the Technical Assistance Visit (TAV) sent to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the collection of samples and analysis of the substance used in the chemical weapon incident in Salisbury. We thank the Director-General and the Technical Secretariat for their briefings.

The use of a chemical agent constitutes an unacceptable breach of the Convention for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The TAV report and the clarifications received in this meeting will contribute to a technical analysis by Brazil.

Once the current phase of the events about Salisbury is concluded, investigations should be initiated concerning their attribution. Therefore, we urge the members of this Executive Council and the United Nations Security Council to adopt a constructive approach in this instance.

Brazil reiterates its firm repudiation against the use of all weapons of mass destruction, whatever the justifications presented.

Thank you.

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