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AT THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Mr Chairperson,

Although my delegation voted in favour of the British draft decision, I should like to reiterate that Morocco, which remains firmly committed to the principle of constructive dialogue, calls on States Parties to redouble their efforts to reach a consensus for the establishment of a mechanism for investigation and the attribution of responsibility based on the principles of impartiality, independence, and efficiency.

This instrument should mobilise Member States, and be inclusive and based on an equitable geographical distribution, in keeping with the expectations of the States Parties and the fundamental principles of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

For this purpose, and remaining true to its proactive and constructive approach, Morocco offers its support to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons by associating itself with the actions of States Parties that are aimed at giving the OPCW the tools necessary to accomplish its mission. It goes without saying that this initiative must be undertaken in the spirit of constructive participation and consensus, all while preserving the unity and technical character of our Organisation.

The solid technical capacity and proven expertise of our Organisation will allow it to achieve this objective.

Morocco, in its firm and resolute commitment to the fight against the proliferation of chemical weapons, and in keeping with legality and international law, supports any multilateral initiative aimed at strengthening international peace and security.

I thank you and would ask that this statement be considered as an official document of this session of the Conference.

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