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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR JENS-OTTO HORSLUND
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF DENMARK TO THE OPCW
AT THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW THE OPERATION
OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 12**

Thank you, Mr Chairman, I will be very brief.

Denmark is aligned with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union.

Let me first register our support and appreciation for your tireless efforts.

Like many speakers before me, I also regret that we were not able to reach consensus. However, consensus is a decision-making procedure, not a straitjacket or a tool for impunity.

The declaration delivered by France on behalf of a very large number of states parties, including Denmark, condenses perfectly our point of view. It could have been an excellent outcome of the Conference. Sadly some were not ready to see those elements and facts adequately reflected such as Use of Chemical Weapons in Syria, ensuring attribution for use, and proper reflection of the important work already done by the Technical Secretariat in that regard.

On your report, Mr Chairman, nothing is agreed until everything is agreed and we would appreciate that you reflect that.

Looking to the future, our common goal must be to prevent further use of chemical weapons. Here, an essential step is ensuring attribution when use has occurred. We all owe it to the victims of such use to forge consensus on this.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.

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