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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**FIRST REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT PURSUANT TO
PARAGRAPH 10 OF DECISION C-SS-4/DEC.3 (DATED 27 JUNE 2018)**

1. At its Fourth Special Session, the Conference of the States Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) adopted a decision entitled “Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use” (C-SS-4/DEC.3, dated 27 June 2018). Pursuant to paragraph 10 of C-SS-4/DEC.3, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) established the Investigation and Identification Team and initiated its work to identify the perpetrators of the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic by identifying and reporting on all information potentially relevant to the origin of those chemical weapons in those instances in which the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria determines or has determined that use or likely use occurred, and cases for which the OPCW-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism has not issued a report.
2. The Secretariat, pursuant to paragraph 10 of C-SS-4/DEC.3, provides to the Executive Council and the United Nations Secretary-General, for their consideration, the first report on the investigations conducted (S/1867/2020, dated 8 April 2020).

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