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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR LUIS VASSY
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC TO THE OPCW
AT THE NINETY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6(H)**

Mr Chairperson,

We welcome the publication of two reports of the Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) and we take due note of their findings.

As we listen to criticisms of the FFM here today, but also elsewhere, we cannot remain mute.

I would like to renew to the FFM our full support and total confidence.

These two reports and their findings underscore—if proof were needed—the professionalism of the OPCW. The FFM reports on its findings whenever the evidence is sufficient and strong enough to do so. And when it does not have sufficient evidence to make clear and unequivocal findings, it acknowledges this. That is a sign of its independence and impartiality, but also of the strength of its expertise and its credibility.

I would ask that this statement be considered as an official document of this session of the Executive Council and that it be published on the OPCW's internal and external servers.

Thank you.

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