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**SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC**

**REQUEST FOR CIRCULATION OF A DOCUMENT  
AT THE NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic has requested that a note verbale addressed to the Technical Secretariat, dated 23 June 2021, be circulated as an official document of the Ninety-Seventh Session of the Executive Council.

Annex: Note Verbale No. 55 from the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Technical Secretariat, Dated 23 June 2021



**Annex**

**NOTE VERBALE NO. 55 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF  
THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT,  
DATED 23 JUNE 2021**

Permanent Mission  
Of The Syrian Arab Republic  
To The Organization For The  
Prohibition Of Chemical Weapons  
The Hague



**No:** 55

**Date:** June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

**Note Verbal**

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons OPCW presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat, and would like to share the following:

The terrorist organizations and the terrorists of the 'White Helmets' group, and those standing behind them, and supporting them on the ground and in some international fora, have not ceased to prepare criminal acts through staging the use of chemical weapons in some parts of the governorates of Idlib and Hama, to accuse the Syrian Arab Army of committing them.

In this framework, the terrorists of the so-called 'Hayet Tahrir al-Sham' (formerly called Jabhat al-Nusra terrorist group), have brought in tanks of pure chlorine through the Bab-Al-Hawa border crossing between Syria and Turkey. The tanks were accompanied by the group's armed terrorists and headed towards Atmah, through Sarmada and Tal-Akrabat. In Atmah, there is a chemical plant that has a specialized laboratory in producing chlorine gas.

The so-called 'Hayet Tahrir al-Sham' will fill projectiles with chlorine and use them against civilians in Idlib suburbs to accuse the Syrian Arab Army and its allies of committing them.

What the terrorist groups (regardless of their names), are doing, is under the instructions, guidance and support of the United States of America, some Western countries, and the Turkish intelligence agencies. As has become well-known, those terrorist groups and their heinous crimes are political and shielded in the media by those countries.

The Syrian Arab Republic calls upon the countries supporting those terrorists, to stop these games whose victims are no other than innocent Syrian civilians. They are also called upon to refrain from committing this new bloody crime. The Syrian Arab Republic holds the countries supporting those terrorists responsible, in particular the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Turkey, for those deadly toxins and the killing of innocent civilians, without any moral deterrent.

Furthermore, the Syrian Arab Republic calls upon the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons not to ignore this information, treat it with utmost seriousness, and handle it in accordance with the OPCW's mandate under the Chemical Weapons Convention.

The Syrian Arab Republic has reaffirmed time and again, its total rejection of using chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere and under any circumstances. It also reaffirms that it has never used such weapons previously, and cannot use them now because it does not possess them. At the same time, the Syrian Arab Republic empathizes that such exposed and repeated crimes will not dissuade it from continuing to combat terrorism until safety and security for the Syrian people, on all the Syrian soil is restored.

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic would kindly like to ask the Technical Secretariat to consider this information as unclassified and circulate this Note Verbal to all State Parties, and publish it on the OPCW Extranet and public website, as an official document of the 97<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council.

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons the assurances of its highest consideration.

**The Organization for the Prohibition  
Of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)  
The Hague.**



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