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AT THE NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson,  
Mr Director-General,  
Representatives and delegates,

We welcome the report of the Director-General and reiterate our recognition of the work led jointly with the Deputy Director-General in close collaboration with the Technical Secretariat.

First of all, we welcome the new Chairperson of the Executive Council, H.E. Abdelouahab Bellouki, Ambassador of Morocco. Ambassador, you may rest assured that you have the support and collaboration of the delegation of Chile.

We express our alignment with the statement by the Non-Aligned Movement and China, presented by the Republic of Azerbaijan. At the same time, we do not associate ourselves with paragraph 15 of that statement.

With regard to the Syrian chemical dossier, we take note of the exchanges and proposals for completing Syria's initial declaration and overcoming the gaps, discrepancies, and inconsistencies. We are concerned by the fact that there remain unresolved issues with the initial declaration and that the Technical Secretariat has concluded that it still cannot consider it accurate and complete in accordance with the Convention.

We support the work of the Declaration Assessment Team (DAT) and the Investigation and Identification Team (IIT), which is led by Ambassador Santiago Oñate.

We urge the Syrian Arab Republic to comply with decision C-25/DEC.9, which was approved at the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Conference of the States Parties last 21 April.

We value the idea presented by Germany to discuss a draft decision of the OPCW Executive Council that would make it possible to convene in emergency situations, and ensuring that it guarantees equal treatment. Our country believes that this initiative deserves consideration by all States Parties.

With regard to the establishment of a working group to develop a proposal on the designation of the OPCW's future External Auditors, we value the actions taken by Ambassador Bellouki to form this group, which will have our full support.



Finally, we thank the Technical Secretariat for preparing document EC-97/DG.9, entitled “Annual Report on the Composition of the Technical Secretariat”. We are concerned by the fact that the imbalance in the geographical distribution of the staff has increased. In the penultimate report, GRULAC nationals represented 6.3% of Technical Secretariat staff. Today, that number has fallen to 5.8%. We request that the OPCW urgently address this situation.

We request that this statement be considered an official document and published on the OPCW website.

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