MEXICO

**STATEMENT BY MINISTER MAURICIO TORRES CÓRDOVA
ALTERNATE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF
MEXICO TO THE OPCW AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
ON THE EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON THE DRAFT DECISION ENTITLED
"ADDRESSING THE POSSESSION AND USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BY THE
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC" (C-25/DEC/CRP.10, DATED 25 NOVEMBER 2020)**

Mr Chairperson,

The delegation of Mexico wishes to make the following explanation of its vote:

Mexico absolutely condemns the use of chemical weapons by anyone and under any circumstance, while supporting the OPCW and the mechanisms that it has created in order to clarify the outstanding issues related to the use of chemical weapons in Syria.

At the same time, Mexico reiterates its appeal at the Security Council to all parties involved to build a dialogue based on facts and to avoid the politicisation of the decision-making processes.

Mexico wishes to reaffirm the call to the Syrian Arab Republic to continue cooperating with the OPCW and all its mechanisms so that they may continue their investigations into the reports of use of chemical weapons on its territory, collaboratively, to fulfil its obligations as a State Party to the Chemical Weapons Convention, and in accordance with Article VII of the Convention and resolution 2118 (2013) of the United Nations Security Council.

Finally, Mexico does not favour measures that could pose a risk to conditions that make it possible to foster a diplomatic dialogue, which is the only acceptable path to a solution to differences and conflicts, the motives for which do not support measures that could lead to the exclusion of any of the parties that need to be present at the negotiation table.

I request that this statement be included as an official document of this session of the Conference and published on the OPCW's extranet and website.

Thank you.

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