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THE OPCW AT THE NINETY-NINTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 7(B)**

Madam Chairperson,

Destruction of chemical weapons is and remains the most fundamental bedrock of the Chemical Weapons Convention. However, the destruction of the declared chemical weapons stockpile of the sole possessor State Party has not been completed yet. It is unfortunate that it failed to meet the final extended deadline.

We firmly believe that the sole possessor State Party shall comply with its obligations under the Convention and relevant decisions of the policy-making organs, and accelerate its efforts, by making use of all relevant technologies and methods, to complete the destruction of its chemical weapons stockpiles in the shortest possible time.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

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