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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR JOSÉ ANTONIO ZABALGOITIA  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES TO  
THE OPCW AT THE NINETY-NINTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 7(E)**

Madam Chairperson,  
Distinguished representatives,

Within the relevant forums of the United Nations, Mexico has asserted that the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation constitutes a flagrant violation of paragraph 4, Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations and further constitutes aggression as defined by General Assembly resolution 3314 (XXIX).

Mexico reiterates its commitment to the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognised and supported borders.

My country has called for the immediate peaceful resolution of the conflict through political dialogue, mediation, and other peaceful means.

Mexico notes with concern the possibility that chemical weapons could be used in this armed conflict, which would mean an enormous step back from the common objective of achieving the total elimination of this type of weapon of mass destruction.

The delegation of Ukraine to this Organisation has warned, through its Note Verbale 61219/30-196/50-3, of the possibility of “acts of provocation” involving the explosion of devices containing toxic chemicals products. For their part, some officials of the Russian Federation have also publicly expressed their concern that acts of a similar nature could be carried out.

This situation should be considered seriously—both by the relevant bodies of the OPCW as well as by all States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention, as each one of us has accepted the obligation of “not to use or threaten to use chemicals or toxic agents as weapons”. As States Parties to the Convention, we have all taken on the commitment to reject and condemn the use or threat of use of chemical weapons “by anyone, anywhere, and under any circumstances”.

Today, that commitment means turning our words into action.

Mexico requests that this statement be considered an official document of this session of the OPCW Executive Council.

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