



## **Opening Remarks by the OPCW Deputy Director-General at the Briefing to States Parties on the Report of the Investigation into Possible Breaches of Confidentiality**

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Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,

Good afternoon and thank you for your attendance today. You have been invited to this briefing in order to inform you about the findings of the investigation that the Director-General initiated in July 2019 into possible breaches of confidentiality.

In accordance with the OPCW Policy on Confidentiality, I was designated by the Director-General as the Senior Investigating Officer of this investigation. I was assisted in this task by two external highly experienced, professional, and independent investigators. Upon completion of the investigation in February 2020, I submitted a report to the Director-General.

In today's briefing, the Director-General will share the findings contained in that report. I therefore invite the Director-General to provide his statement.

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