

## **MALAYSIA**

### **STATEMENT BY MS. WAN MAISARAH MOHAMED IDRUS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF MALAYSIA TO THE OPCW AT THE ONE-HUNDREDTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

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Malaysia remains deeply concerned with the situation in Ukraine and continues to closely monitor developments, including through the Notes Verbales from States Parties to the Convention.

We are greatly disturbed with reports of potential chemical weapons use in Ukraine. We reiterate our principled position that the use of chemical weapons and toxic chemicals as a weapon anywhere, by anyone, under any circumstances is reprehensible, contrary to the Convention, and must be condemned. We also firmly believe that it is imperative that such atrocities be verified in an impartial, transparent and credible manner.

Malaysia strongly urges all concerned parties to immediately take steps to de-escalate, continue to progress towards dialogue and negotiations, to prevent further loss of lives and devastation. We reiterate the need to respect and protect civilian life and infrastructure. We also reiterate the call on all parties to fully comply with their obligations under the Convention.

Thank you, Chair.