

Statement of Japan

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Mr. Chairperson,

The use of chemical weapons in Syria is of grave concern to the peace and security of the international community. But more importantly, it is regrettable that the Syrian government has not fulfilled its obligations or responsibilities as a State Party to the Convention.

It is also regrettable that the total number of outstanding issues of the Syrian dossier was increased to 26, of which 19 issues remain unresolved. My country strongly urges Syria to ensure accountability through full cooperation with the activities of the Technical Secretariat, especially the DAT.

Coming to the IIT, Japan commends the professional, impartial, and independent work conducted by the IIT. We reject any allegation that the IIT was “illegally” established, as the Ambassador of Hungary, on behalf of the European Union, clearly stated. The IIT was established legally through the usual procedures of the CWC. Also, some of the member States said that in the disarmament negotiations, consensus is the usual practice. But I have a very different opinion. Because if we see the practice in the First

Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations, voting is the usual practice rather than consensus.

I kindly request this statement be made an official document of the 106th session of the Executive Council, and be published on the external server as well as on the public website.

Thank you.