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**Statement by H.E Ambassador Salima Abdelhak, Permanent representative of Algeria to OPCW at the 109 session of the Executive Council of the OPCW –  
Item 6(c) Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme**

**The Hague, 09 July 2025**

**Mr. Chairperson,**

The Algerian delegation welcomes the positive developments registered in the relations of cooperation between the Syria Arab Republic authorities and the Technical secretariat as illustrated in the reports by the Director General and the Technical Secretariat and in the DG presentations today. We would like to thank him for that and to commend his continued engagement in this regards.

We commend the commitment effectively demonstrated by the Syrian authorities during the visits of the Director General and the Technical Secretariat and illustrated, inter alia, by the signing of the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities, which will enable the Secretariat to fulfil its mandate.

While we commend the supportive role of the state of Qatar in the Syrian dossier, we welcome the participation of the representative of Syria and his statement today. We take note of the information he has shared with us, which aligns with that of the DG, highlighting the good will, in one hand, and a certain logistical, financial, and field expertise challenges, on the other hand.

We take note of the outcomes of the preliminary enquiry and applaud the involvement of the Syrian Arab Republic in the different state of verification and destruction. It is also time to consider restore Syria its right and privileges to regain its place within the Organization.

These positive developments require our full support as they provide undoubtedly, valuable opportunity to conclude the Syria chemical weapons file.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

My delegation has also heard to the concern expressed by the representative of Syria regarding attacks by Israel, targeting sites suspected by the international community of housing chemical weapons programme. It should be the concern of all of us as these attacks not only exacerbate the risks of proliferation and contamination, it contravenes the action of verification by the Technical secretariat. It is imperative to call upon Israel, being a signatory of the CWC, regularly attending the CSP sessions, to refrain from challenging the Convention and the OPCW actions.

Finally, I would like to reaffirm Algeria's full support to the technical secretariat and to Syria during this critical and pivotal stage in their history.

**Thank you.**