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**Statement by H.E Salima Abdelhak, Permanent Representative of
Algeria to OPCW at the EC-M-68**

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Mr. Chairperson, Mr. DG,

Algeria welcomes the convening of the EC Special Session today prompted by the recent Israeli airstrikes on Syria, targeting the Syrian Ministry of Defense, a key facilitator and supporter of OPCW missions, as recognized by the Director General this morning.

Algeria strongly condemns these attacks, which it considers a violation of international law, the violation of the sovereignty of Syria and a direct obstacle of the OPCW activities.

Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation commended last week the momentum built on the Syrian chemical dossier, as the highest Syrian authorities showed effective commitment to cooperate with OPCW, as the OPCW technical Secretariat mobilized to conduct a pragmatic plan to end the Syrian dossier and as all delegations expressed their willingness to support the process.

Today, my delegation is deeply concerned as these repeated attacks, more than 100 according to Syrian representative, are to obstruct the process and to compromise the implementation of the DG's plan and the mobilization of the needed support. Today, a mission of the technical Secretariat members have been canceled. What would be next?

Mr. Chairperson,

All delegation, together with the Secretariat, should address the concern raised by these repeated attacks and condemn them, as they undermine the ongoing cooperation between Syria and the OPCW secretariat. They should adopt a firm stance and call upon the perpetrator of these attacks, Israel, an observer party to the Convention, which continues to regularly attend our sessions, to stop compromising our Organization and our Convention.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.