



Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Fernando Simas Magalhães Permanent Representative of The Federative Republic of Brazil to the OPCW at the 109th Session of the Executive Council under Agenda item 6(e).

Syria

Mister Chairperson,

Brazil commends your leadership in presiding over this Executive Council session and thanks Director-General Fernando Arias and the Technical Secretariat for their continued commitment to the full implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

We take note of the most recent report of 7 July 2025 (EC-109/DG.23) and of the comprehensive briefing provided by the Technical Secretariat on 23 May. Brazil welcomes the renewed engagement between the Secretariat and the Syrian transitional authorities, including three deployments to the Syrian Arab Republic in March, April and June, as well as the re-establishment of direct contact with national interlocutors and notes the recent creation of the Office of Special Missions, under the authority of the Director-General.

In this regard, we take particular note of the inspections at the Barzah and Jamrayah facilities of the Scientific Studies and Research Centre, as well as the visits to previously declared sites

and other potentially relevant locations. These activities are essential to clarifying the full extent of the Syrian chemical weapons programme.

Brazil reiterates its full support for the objectives of the Convention and for the continuation of mandated technical activities, which must continue to be carried out with professionalism, transparency, and impartiality. We emphasize the need for continued, safe, and unhindered access of OPCW deployed personnel to relevant persons, sites, and documents. The integrity and effectiveness of the verification regime depend on such cooperation by provisional authorities in Syria, in a challenging political environment that has proven to be persistently unstable and unpredictable.

Brazil condemns, in the strongest terms, the use or threat of use of chemical weapons by any actor, under any circumstances. We call for a constructive approach within this Council, grounded in dialogue, technical engagement, and the principles of the Convention.

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Thank you.

Sudan

Mister Chairperson,

Brazil thanks you for your leadership and expresses appreciation to the Technical Secretariat for its dedication in implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention.

We have taken due note of Letters PMO-610, PMO-611, and PMO-612, all dated 23 June 2025, issued by the Chairperson of the Executive Council. These communications respond respectively to requests for clarification submitted by the Republic of Mauritania, the Republic of Chad and the Republic of Benin, all of which concerning reports of a possible use of chemical weapons in the Republic of the Sudan.

Brazil follows this matter with close attention and underlines the importance of a measured and technical approach, in accordance with the procedures and principles enshrined in the Convention. The prompt issuance of the above-mentioned letters by the Chairperson demonstrates the Organisation's readiness to address such serious concerns in a professional and transparent manner. After initial informal contacts and having consulted with the Technical Secretariat on the alleged incidents in Sudan, Brazil thanks those State Parties that have now decided to bring this matter to our attention, expressing a concern that we fully share with them.

We also note that the Technical Secretariat has indicated its willingness to receive and assess any additional information that the Sudanese authorities or other States Parties may wish to disclose. It is of the utmost importance that all allegations of the use or threat of use of chemical weapons be treated with an equal sense of priority and in a timely fashion, in close coordination with the Executive Council.

We will continue to examine reports on the situation in Sudan constructively and express full confidence in the technical capacity, prompt response, transparency and impartiality of the Secretariat.

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Thank you.