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**Statement by Ambassador TAN Jian, Head of the Chinese Delegation,  
at the 67th Meeting of the Executive Council of the OPCW**

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, please allow me, on behalf of the Chinese delegation, to congratulate you on your election as the chairperson of the Executive Council. The Chinese delegation is convinced that, fully drawing upon your diplomatic experience and skills, you will guide this ECM to a success. This delegation will actively support you in your work, and will cooperate closely with the bureau and the other delegations in bringing about a positive outcome of this meeting.

Mr. Chairman,

China would like to thank H.E. Mr Hadi Farajvand, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran for his briefing. China associates itself with the statement made by H.E. Mr Héctor Alejandro Constant Rosales, Ambassador of Venezuela on behalf of Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations. I would like now to elaborate on China's position briefly.

China condemns the military operations conducted by Israel and the US against Iran, and is firmly opposed to the armed attacks targeting nuclear facilities for peaceful purposes and at civilian chemical facilities. China is gravely concerned that such military operations military actions may potentially lead to hazardous chemical leaks, posing serious risks to regional safety and environmental security.

China always advocates that any dispute among different parties should be solved according to the Convention and through consultation and dialogue. China calls on the OPCW and all the States Parties to fulfill the noble responsibilities under the Convention in earnest, play a constructive role in ensuring the safety of chemical facilities, and protect effectively the safety of the lives and the health of the local residents as well as the regional ecology and environment affected. China also urges the parties concerned to halt their military confrontation and work jointly to maintain international peace and security and regional stability.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.