STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MALAYSIA AT THE SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THE HAGUE, 1 JULY 2025

Mr. Chairperson,

Director-General Ambassador Arias,

Distinguished delegates,

My delegation notes the note verbale from the Permanent Representation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Technical Secretariat, which reports that on 15 and 16 June 2025, Israeli forces attacked a chemical facility located in the immediate vicinity of a declared site subject to OPCW verification.

2. My delegation condemns, as a matter of principle, any attack that endangers chemical installations and risks the release of toxic substances. Such action defeats the object and purpose of the Chemical Weapons Convention, as the consequences of the action can threaten civilian populations, cause environmental damage, and undermine the integrity of the international prohibition regime that we are all committed to upholding.

3. We recall that Israel is a signatory to the Convention and, under Article 18 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, is obligated to refrain from acts that would defeat the object and purpose of the CWC.

4. My delegation stands ready to consider appropriate measures the Executive Council may deem necessary to address this matter, guided by the provisions and objectives of the Convention.

I kindly request that this statement be circulated as an official document of this Executive Council session and published on the OPCW website and external server.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.