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**Statement by H.E. Ambassador Salima Abdelhak
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Mr. Chairperson,

Allow me first to welcome H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Katoub, the new Permanent Representative of Syria to the OPCW, and to thank him for his presence among us today. His statement reflects Syria's renewed commitment to advancing the efforts aimed at definitively closing the Syrian chemical weapons file.

The establishment of a new National Authority in Syria is another indication of this commitment, as it will help facilitate the OPCW's work and support the prompt and efficient completion of this process. He may rest assured that he can count on the full support of my delegation in this regard.

This positive momentum stems from the proactive approach of the Organization, which alerted States Parties and set the tone for the path ahead during the special session it convened in December 2024. I was further carried forward by the valuable assistance and facilitation provided by Qatar through their permanent representative to OPCW, who deserve our full appreciation.

We welcome and support the two decisions on respectively the expedited on-site destruction of any remaining chemical weapons in Syria and reinstatement of the rights and privileges of Syria. Together with the positive developments mentioned earlier, these decisions will

undoubtedly help advance this process and enable Syria to regain its place and fully restore its rights and privileges within the OPCW as in other organizations.

We commend the active role of the Technical Secretariat and its teams, whose repeated deployments to Syria succeeded in establishing a permanent office in Damascus that will be essential to advancing their field work.

Mr Chirperson,

This positive momentum constitutes important opportunity to bring the Syrian chemical weapons file to a definitive close while mitigating proliferation risks amid the region's prevailing instability. We should definitely seize it by addressing the multidimensional challenges it involves.

Thank you.