

Agenda item 9, Subitem 9(d): Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use (in relation to Syria)

Mr. Chair,

In our national statement, the Indian delegation has already elaborated our position on the issue of Syrian dossier. In the interest of time, I will not repeat it here.

2. I take the floor now to convey our appreciation for the efforts of the delegation of Qatar to progress this important matter and for presenting this opportunity of working together with the Syrian transitional authorities for resolving the outstanding issues and closing this dossier in line with the principles and provisions of the Convention. While appreciating the significance of the opportunity that the States Parties have, India wishes to emphasize the spirit of consensus building in OPCW's decision making process. Our desire to satisfactorily close the Syria dossier and welcome Syria into the CSP as a State Party with full rights and privileges should find reflection in our decisions.

3. Our delegation has seen the draft decision. We note that the action mentioned therein will be contingent upon concrete progress made as laid down in previous CSP 2021 and EC decisions, and their strict implementation, including inter alia, that it will not create any precedents and that the CSP will remain seized of the matter. In view thereof, our delegation is ready to support the draft decision.
