

STATEMENT BY POLAND  
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**Agenda item 9(c) – Implementation of the Conference of States Parties and Executive  
Council decisions on destruction-related issues - Syria**

Mister Chairperson,

Poland fully subscribes to the statement of the European Union. I wish to add a few points in my national capacity.

The fall of the Assad regime has created a window of opportunity to finally address the outstanding issues surrounding the Syrian chemical weapons programme. For too long, this dossier has remained unresolved, casting a shadow over our collective efforts to uphold the global norm against chemical weapons.

We must recognise the constructive and dedicated attitude of the new Syrian authorities, who have expressed their commitment to completing chemical demilitarisation and to pursuing accountability for the use of chemical weapons. This development is a ray of hope amidst the worsening state of the broader non-proliferation and disarmament architecture.

Once again, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons can play a constructive role, demonstrating both the relevance of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the enduring validity of the international norm against chemical weapons. This moment reminds us that non proliferation still matters, and that it is not dead—despite attempts by some states to undermine the global regime.

We must, however, be realistic. Closing the so called Syrian chemical weapons dossier will not be easy. The programme was secretive, the condition of facilities subject to verification is poor, and the security situation on the ground remains challenging.

Given the complex nature of the tasks ahead, we recognise that the Syrian authorities need our support, and the same applies to the Secretariat. That is why Poland is preparing a voluntary financial contribution to support OPCW operations in Syria, with the aim of finalising this commitment by the end of the year.

In addition, Poland will continue to provide political support for all efforts aimed at facilitating and ensuring accountability for the use of chemical weapons in Syria.

Thank you.