



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATEMENT AT THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES AGENDA ITEM 9 (D) – SYRIA – EXPLANATION OF VOTE

The situation in Syria has changed dramatically since the 2021 CSP decision that suspended certain rights and privileges of Syria under the Convention.

I think that we can all agree that we want to see real meaningful progress.

And many have remarked positively on the initial steps and cooperation that we have seen.

We know that the Syrian government does not know where all secretive Assad program remnants may be. At the same time, we look forward to assessing Syria's concrete efforts to help us get to the bottom of this.

In the decision that the Executive Council (EC) adopted in October, it encouraged the CSP to revisit the 2021 decision in the event of continued and sustained progress in the elimination of any remaining chemical weapons in Syria. Hopefully we can be satisfied that real progress is being made in this regard. And if we can be, this decision before us will enable the EC to restore Syria's rights and privileges.