



Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of India to the OPCW at the 111th Session of the Executive Council under Agenda Item 6 (c): Elimination of the Remnants of the Assad-era Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme

Mr. Chair,

India attaches importance to resolving the outstanding issues in the Syrian dossier getting resolved at the earliest.

We note the latest information shared by the Technical Secretariat on the ongoing work in Syria, including on the recent issue of 75 cylinders in the Aleppo region and look forward to the result of investigations by the Syrian authorities. We welcome the cooperative role of the Syrian authorities.

Mr. Chair,

We note that the Technical Secretariat is carrying out consultations with the Syrian authorities in line with the decisions taken by earlier Sessions of the Executive Council on the development of destruction plans and verification arrangements.

Our delegation supports the destruction of chemical weapons remnants or related material and equipment upon identification and verification in cooperation with the Syrian authorities. We would like to underscore that the selection of methods should meet the requirements of Verification under the Convention.

We urge for greater coordination, consultation and cooperation between all stakeholders to ensure steady, stable and concrete progress.

Thank you.
