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Mexico: Statement by H.E. Ambassador Carmen Moreno Toscano, Permanent Representative of the United Mexican States to the OPCW, at the 111th Session of the Executive Council under Agenda Item No. 5, General Debate.

(The Hague, October 10, 2026).

Mr. President, Mr. Director-General, Madam Deputy Director-General, distinguished representatives, delegates:

Mexico wishes Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany every success in presiding over the work of this One Hundred and Eleventh Session.

We have listened attentively to the Director-General's statement and have taken due note of his observations regarding the main challenges and opportunities facing the Organization in the fulfillment of its various mandates.

In particular, we view with optimism the progress made under the Action Plan for Syria. We positively acknowledge the efforts of the Syrian authorities to cooperate fully and transparently with the Technical Secretariat, and we hope that the exchanges and cooperation between the Technical Secretariat and the Syrian authorities will make it possible to clarify, as soon as possible, all outstanding issues, destroy the remnants of the Syrian chemical weapons program, and shed light on all allegations related to the use of chemical weapons in that country, so that those responsible are held accountable for their actions.

Mexico welcomes with satisfaction the assistance provided by the Syrian authorities to the Investigation and Identification Team, which, for the first time, was granted full and unrestricted access to Syria, as reflected in its fifth report on the incident that occurred in Kafr Zeita on 1 October 2016.

That report once again confirms the use of chemical weapons by the Syrian Armed Forces, which is unacceptable. We hope that Syria's National Commission for Transitional Justice will soon provide reparations and justice to the victims and survivors of this and the other incidents that have been verified to date.

On another matter, Mexico is concerned that allegations related to the use of riot control agents in Ukraine, far from decreasing, continue to increase. If confirmed, they would constitute a clear violation of Article I of the Chemical Weapons Convention. All necessary institutional channels must be pursued to clarify these allegations.

Mr. President, Mexico urges the parties to this and other conflicts to comply with their obligations and to respect both the spirit and the letter of the Convention.

Mexico once again reiterates, in the strongest possible terms, its condemnation of the use of chemical weapons by any actor and under any circumstances and will continue to advocate for the strict application of international law with respect to their prohibition.

Mr. President,

Mexico firmly believes that lasting peace and security can only be achieved through international law, multilateral cooperation, and collective responsibility. In the current international context, preserving spaces for dialogue and cooperation — such as the OPCW — is essential to ensure that our collective efforts continue to make a meaningful contribution to international peace and security.

Thank you very much.