

Point 6 (c) Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons program

# Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine at the 110th session of the Executive Council

## Mr Chairperson,

## **Director-General**,

Ukraine fully associates itself with the statement delivered by the European Union.

We highly value the crucial role of the OPCW in maintaining the global norm against the use of chemical weapons and reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the goals and principles of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Ukraine welcomes the information provided by the Technical Secretariat to the States Parties during the intersessional period, as well as the overall progress achieved in planning. We also note with appreciation the progress in cooperation between the Syrian authorities and the Secretariat, which has contributed to advancing efforts toward the complete elimination of chemical weapons in Syria.

We commend the recent deployments of the Technical Secretariat to Syria and the establishment of the Office of Special Missions (OSM), which now coordinates all OPCW-mandated activities in the country. These developments represent a positive step toward renewed verification and accountability — provided they are accompanied by sustained cooperation from the Syrian authorities.

We also support the OPCW's call for voluntary contributions to sustain its vital work in Syria. The tasks ahead — including verification, capacity-building, and the prevention of re-emergence — will require adequate resources and continued international solidarity.

#### Mr. Chairperson,

Ukraine stands ready to support all efforts aimed at ensuring the full implementation of the Convention and bringing to justice those responsible for the use of chemical weapons.

We hope that the ongoing efforts of the new Government of Syria to cooperate with the OPCW and to fulfill its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention will lead to the prompt identification and safe destruction of any remaining elements of the former regime's chemical weapons program, in line with the objectives of the Convention.

I would kindly ask you to consider this statement as an official document of the 110<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council and post it on the OPCW external server and public website.

### Thank you for your attention.