



Fifty-Fifth Meeting  
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### REPORT OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

#### 1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the meeting

The Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal of Bangladesh, opened its Fifty-Fifth Meeting in The Hague at 10:15 on 5 July 2017.

#### 2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the following agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria regarding the incident of 16 September 2016 (S/1491/2017, dated 1 May 2017)
4. Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria regarding the incident of 4 April 2017 (S/1510/2017, dated 29 June 2017)
5. National statements
6. Any other business
7. Adoption of the report
8. Closure

#### 3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria regarding the incident of 16 September 2016 (S/1491/2017, dated 1 May 2017)

The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) circulated the “Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria Regarding the Incident of 16 September 2016 as Reported in the Note Verbale of the Syrian Arab Republic Number 113, dated 29 November 2016” (S/1491/2017).



**4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria regarding the incident of 4 April 2017 (S/1510/2017, dated 29 June 2017)**

4.1 The Secretariat circulated the “Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria Regarding an Alleged Incident in Khan Shaykhun, Syrian Arab Republic, April 2017” (S/1510/2017).

4.2 The Director-General delivered a statement to the Council on the two reports of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria (S/1491/2017 and S/1510/2017).

4.3 The Secretariat briefed the Council on the two reports of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria (S/1491/2017 and S/1510/2017).

**5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – National statements**

5.1 The following delegations made statements: Estonia (on behalf of the European Union), Germany, France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada (observer), the Netherlands (observer), the United States of America, China, Peru, Belgium, Italy, Colombia, Australia, Poland, Finland (observer), Chile, Panama, Bangladesh, Bulgaria (observer), New Zealand (observer), Japan, Cuba (observer), Pakistan, Ireland (observer), Guatemala, the Republic of Korea, Portugal (observer), India, Mexico, Viet Nam, Brazil, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Argentina, Slovakia, Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), Turkey (observer), and the Russian Federation.

5.2 France and Germany presented a joint statement entitled “Atrocities in Syria: Declaration on the Fact-Finding Mission Reports Concluding that Sarin and Sulfur Mustard Have Been Used in the Syrian Arab Republic” (EC-M-55/NAT.1, dated 5 July 2017).

**6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Any other business**

**7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Adoption of the report**

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Fifty-Fifth Meeting.

**8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Closure**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 17:44 on 5 July 2017.