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SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairman,

My delegation welcomes you to this latest session of the Council, and offers you its support and cooperation in order that the Council's objectives be achieved.

My delegation supports the remarks made by the distinguished Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement that are States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention and China.

Furthermore, we are grateful for the important statements by the Director General and the Special Coordinator of the OPCW-UN Joint Mission.

I should like, on this occasion, to speak briefly on the programme for the destruction of the Syrian chemical weapons.

First of all, I should like to express my gratitude for the efforts and progress made by the Syrian Arab Republic and the Technical Secretariat in the Syrian destruction programme. Equally, my recognition goes to those countries that are contributing with efforts of their own to the destruction and removal of the Syrian arsenal.

While recognising the progress with the removal of the weapons from Syrian territory, my delegation would like to appeal to the Syrian Arab Republic to intensify its efforts to transfer the chemicals to the port of Latakia, with special emphasis on the rapid transfer of Priority 1 chemicals and, in addition, to consider making simultaneous, consolidated transfers when removing the chemicals, in order to ensure that the final deadline of 30 June next is met.

In this context, Peru considers it extremely important that the transfers to Latakia be continuous and of large volume, so that the plans and timelines in the destruction programme can be translated into concrete actions, while reflecting the commitment of the Syrian Government to implement the decisions adopted by the Executive Council.

We are grateful for the inclusion of Article XI of the Convention in the Council's agenda. My delegation considers crucial the full, effective, non-discriminatory implementation of Article XI. For that reason, we support preliminary discussions leading to the development of an action plan for the implementation of all the provisions of Article XI. In this context,



we support facilitating the international exchange of scientific and technical equipment and information related to the development and use of chemistry for purposes not prohibited by the Convention.

Finally, allow me to highlight the fact that my country will, in the second half of this year, host an exercise on dealing with consequences produced by emergency situations; this will be held in the city of Lima, from 3 to 7 November.

I should be obliged if this statement could be considered an official document of this session of the Council.

Many thanks.

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