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AT THE SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson,

At the beginning, I would like to extend support of the Croatian delegation for your work in achieving success in this session of the Executive Council.

Croatia aligns itself with the statement delivered yesterday by the Italian Ambassador on behalf of the EU and on behalf of the Croatian delegation; I would like to reiterate some of the following points:

First, Croatia would like to recognise significant achievements of the OPCW-UN Joint Mission for reaching crucial results in the completion of removal of declared chemicals from the Syrian Arab Republic, and furthermore in the beginning of the elimination process. We would like to commend all of the countries that have contributed to the Joint Mission in achieving such a goal despite all of the obstacles and systematic delays.

There are still important remaining obligations to be implemented by the Syrian Arab Republic before we can conclude the complete elimination of the chemical weapons programme and we expect the final solution on the destruction plan for the twelve declared chemical weapons production facilities to be found on the basis of the expert proposal by the Technical Secretariat, with no further delays. We urge the Syrian Arab Republic and all interested parties to invest additional efforts in finding such a solution.

Furthermore, Croatia would like to strongly support the intention of the Director-General in continuing the work of the Fact-Finding Mission on the allegations of chlorine use, as use of such weapon would represent the most serious breach of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Croatia stands ready to continue supporting the international community in its efforts to complete the destruction of the chemical weapons programme in the Syrian Arab Republic and expects the Executive Council to engage the remaining serious concerns as the highest of priorities.

At the end, Croatia welcomes and supports the efforts of the Director-General in intensifying outreach activities towards States not Party to the Convention in achieving universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention.



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I would like to request that this statement be circulated as an official document of this session of the Council.

Thank you.

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