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**STATEMENT BY MS SIRILAK NIYOM
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AT THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairman,

With regard to the second report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic, our delegation associates itself with the statement made on 7 October 2014 by H.E. the Permanent Representative 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 under Agenda Item 2, General Debate.

We are further of the view that, beyond rhetoric or politics, one fact appears to be clear-cut beyond any doubt. The events referred to in the report took place, or for some are reported to have taken place, in an area that is under the jurisdiction of a State Party, the Syrian Arab Republic. These events undeniably relate to the object and purpose and the implementation of the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention, and therefore the Member State concerned is under the obligation to cooperate in good faith with the other States Parties, preferably through the OPCW, in order to address the situation in accordance with the Convention.

Doubts or concerns have also been expressed by Member States at the Forty-Fifth Meeting of the Executive Council on 26 September last and during this meeting of the Executive Council as to whether these events constitute a case of non-compliance with the Convention. It is therefore within the competence and the duty of the Executive Council to consider appropriate action with regard to this matter in accordance with the Convention. At this juncture, we believe that the best course of action is to allow the FFM to continue its work with the cooperation and support of all concerned.

In closing I request that this statement be issued as an official document of this Seventy-Seventh Meeting of the Executive Council.

Thank you.

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