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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MALAYSIA  
AT THE EIGHTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentleman,

First of all my delegates and I would like to welcome you once again to the Chair and we look forward to a meaningful discussion and deliberation as well as a successful conclusion of the session under your able stewardship. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Director-General for his informative and comprehensive report, and to the Technical Secretariat for their relentless and tireless contribution to the Organisation and for the preparations of this meeting.

Malaysia aligns itself with the statement made by the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Her Excellency Ambassador Haifa Aissami Madah, on behalf of NAM CWC States Parties and China.

With respect to the elimination and destruction of the Syrian chemical weapons and the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons production facilities, we welcome the substantive efforts and progress made in this regard. As reported by the Director-General, the renewed round of consultations showed that the Syrian Arab Republic has taken a step forward in terms of clarifying the roles of the SSRC in the Syrian chemical weapons programmes.

We call on all parties concerned to take steps and keep the momentum going to ensure that Executive Council decisions with regard to full and complete declarations and submissions are complied with. We recognise the importance of the on-going high level consultations between the Syrian Arab Republic and the Technical Secretariat. We look forward to see continuous success achieved through the present cooperative mechanism devised between the OPCW, the United Nations and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Malaysia welcomes the significant work done by the Working Group on Future Priorities of the OPCW, under the able stewardship of Ambassador of South Africa and Canada. These will form an important basis and catalyst for the successful deliberations of the next year's Review Conference.

On another note, allow me to provide an update regarding the case involving the use of chemical weapon Schedule 1, VX nerve agent, in a fatal incident in Malaysia on 13 February 2017 which had caused the death of one North Korean national at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 (KLIA2).



Following the unfortunate incident, the Malaysian authorities promptly carried out a thorough investigation that resulted in the arrest and prosecution of two female suspects of Indonesian and Vietnamese nationality. Both suspects were initially brought before the Magistrates' Court on 1 March 2017. Given the gravity of the offence, the case was subsequently transferred to the High Court on charges of the murder of the said national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by using VX nerve agent. Both pleaded not guilty. The presiding Judge had fixed the trial for 23 days beginning on 2 October 2017 and it is now ongoing.

Meanwhile, the Malaysian authorities are still pursuing the investigation to apprehend other suspects of foreign nationality who had fled Malaysia immediately after the incident. Interpol has issued a 'Red Alert' to apprehend these suspects. Malaysia will further update the Organisation for the Prohibition of the Chemical Weapons (OPCW) on the matter once the legal process is completed. The Government of Malaysia is committed to resolve and find closure to this unfortunate incident.

Malaysia wishes to reaffirm that it does not produce, stockpile, import, export or use any Schedule 1 toxic chemicals including VX, and has made annual declarations to this effect to the OPCW. The Government of Malaysia will fully cooperate with the OPCW and other international organisations to bring the perpetrators to justice.

In this regard, Malaysia reiterates its longstanding uncompromised position of opposing the use of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere and under any circumstances.

I thank you all for your kind attention, and may I request that this statement be included as an official document of this meeting and be posted on the website.

I thank you for your attention.

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