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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR ROBERT P. MIKULAK  
UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE OPCW  
AT THE THIRTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Madam Chairman,

We share the view that it is important for the OPCW, the organisation created to make the world free from chemical weapons, to react promptly to the possible use of such weapons. The use of chemical weapons by anyone under any circumstances would be reprehensible and repugnant to the conscience of mankind.

We welcome the information provided by the Director-General on the request from the UN Secretary-General to support an investigation of alleged use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic. We fully support the work of the Director-General and his team in this regard. We look to the OPCW to provide full support to the UN's investigation, including information, expertise, and resources.

The United States has welcomed the Secretary-General's efforts to investigate the possible use of chemical weapons. We support an investigation that pursues any and all credible allegations of the possible use of chemical weapons in Syria, which should be launched as swiftly as possible. The full cooperation of all parties, including by providing full and unfettered access to all relevant individuals and locations, is essential.

I would like to request that this statement be considered an official document of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Executive Council.

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