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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR JAN BORKOWSKI  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND TO THE OPCW  
ON THE ISSUE OF THE ELIMINATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN SYRIA**

Director-General, Your Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

We welcome the recent OPCW Executive Council decision and the United Nations Security Council resolution on the elimination of Syrian chemical weapons. The adoption of these landmark documents sent a united and decisive response that the international community is coming together to work for peace in Syria, which starts with the destruction of the Syrian chemical weapons programme.

Securing and destroying the Syrian chemical weapons programme will be a challenging task and will require the support and cooperation of the entire international community. We welcome the close cooperation between the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the United Nations to combine efforts and to move as quickly as possible to achieve this objective. It is our strong conviction that today the international community must do its utmost to prevent further use of chemical weapons in Syria. We stand ready to support this process in every way possible.

We call upon Syria to fully implement the Chemical Weapons Convention. By joining the Convention, Syria shall declare, place under the OPCW verification regime, and destroy its chemical weapons and related facilities.

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

Thank you, Mr Chairman.

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