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OF BRAZIL TO THE OPCW
AT THE THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairman,

Brazil welcomed the accession of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Chemical Weapons Convention as well as the decision taken by Syrian authorities to provisionally apply its provisions. In this context, we note the efforts already carried out by Syria in submitting detailed information of its chemical weapons agents, types of munitions, location and form of storage, and production and research-and-development facilities, prior to the entry into force of the Convention.

Brazil firmly supported the decision adopted by this Executive Council, as well as the resolution adopted by the United Nations Security Council, on 28 September this year. Both recognise the pivotal role of the OPCW in the process for the elimination of all Syrian chemical weapons. In this regard, we took note, with satisfaction, of the news regarding the arrival in Syria of the first team of OPCW inspectors.

Brazil is confident that the recent decisions taken by the OPCW and by the United Nations Security Council will significantly contribute to giving new impetus to the search for a negotiated solution to put an end to violence and meet the legitimate aspirations of Syrian society.

In this context, we convey our firm support for the realisation of the Geneva II Peace Conference, with the participation and leading role of all Syrians, to the success of which Brazil remains ready to contribute.

I thank you.

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