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**MEXICO**

**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR EDUARDO IBARROLA NICOLÍN  
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AT THE THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairman,

Mexico endorses the adoption, by consensus, of the decision by this regulatory body in the early hours of last Saturday on the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons based on the draft submitted by the Russian Federation and the United States of America. The unprecedented plan for the expeditious destruction of the chemical arsenals in this country, under the supervision and monitoring of the OPCW, with a view to fully dismantling, neutralising and destroying these weapons of mass destruction by mid-2014, is a considerable achievement and, without doubt, an important step towards the resolution of the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic and the prevention of the population's suffering in this country and in the region.

Mexico believes that this decision confirms the universal condemnation of any use of chemical weapons.

The Executive Council must ensure total fulfilment of the mandate, duties and work of the OPCW, as well as the preservation of its highest standards of inspection, verification, transparency and chemical weapons destruction. With this decision, we have demonstrated, once again, the value of the regulation prohibiting chemical weapons with a view to their elimination, and the prevalence of international law and the diplomatic route to resolve conflict and to tackle threats to international peace and security.

Of course, we reiterate the importance of providing the appropriate security for inspectors and other OPCW personnel stationed in the Syrian Arab Republic.

The accession of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Chemical Weapons Convention is an important step towards the universality of this instrument. We reiterate our call to all countries to redouble their efforts to achieve the total elimination of this type of weapon, as the only way to guarantee the effectiveness of this prohibition and to prevent them from being used again, as well as ensuring that chemical weapons will not once more be considered a legitimate instrument of warfare.

Mexico reaffirms its commitment to the prohibition of the development, production, and stockpiling of chemical weapons, and to their total elimination.



Mexico also recognises the work of the OPCW and urges all its members to continue to support its technical and impartial work.

I request that this statement be treated as an official document of this meeting of the Executive Council.

Thank you very much.

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