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**ECUADOR**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ECUADOR  
ON BEHALF OF ECUADOR AND THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA  
AT THE THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

I shall make the following statement on behalf of Ecuador and the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

The Governments of Ecuador and Bolivia, committed to the non-proliferation and the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, and as States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention, have added our support to the Executive Council of the OPCW with a view to reaching the necessary consensus to adopt the decision on the establishment of an detailed and specific programme for the destruction of the Syrian chemical weapons. It is a first step in the right direction and confirmation of the validity of diplomacy and multilateralism.

Convinced of the fact that the use of chemical weapons in any location, for any reason, and by any actor constitutes a threat to international peace and security and a clear violation of international law, we express our support for the action to be taken by the OPCW, with the backing of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and within the framework of Resolution 2118, co-sponsored by all the members of the United Nations Security Council.

Like the resolution adopted by the Security Council, we reiterate our conviction that the solution to the Syrian conflict is and must be political and that the unilateral use of force must not be accepted under any circumstances, as this would not only be a violation of international law and of the United Nations Charter, but would also cause major devastation to the Syrian people and to the countries in the region.

Our countries will continue to work constructively so that an international conference on the Syrian Arab Republic can be convened as soon as possible in order to implement the Geneva framework agreement, Resolution 2118 of the Security Council, and the decision of this Council, so as to proceed towards stability and reconciliation in the Syrian Arab Republic, with respect for the sovereignty and the will of its people, international law, peace, and life.

Mr Chairperson, I request that this statement be recorded as an official document of this historic Thirty-Third Meeting of the Executive Council of the OPCW.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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