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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR ANNIKEN R. KRUTNES
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NORWAY TO THE OPCW
AT THE THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ON 15 NOVEMBER 2013**

Mr Chairperson,

Let me start by thanking the Director-General and the Special Coordinator for their reports, and extend my Government's sincere thanks and respect for the professional work that is being done by the staff of the Joint Mission in extremely demanding conditions.

Norway is strongly committed to support the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 2118 as well as the decision taken here by the Executive Council on 27 September (EC-M-33/DEC.1).

I am pleased to announce that the Norwegian government has decided to make available, as a donation, a commercial vessel that can bring the chemical agents out of Syria. We are also ready to provide naval escort for the ship in order to ensure safe transportation. Financially, Norway is pledging up to USD 15 million to the UN and OPCW Trust Funds.

I request that this statement be included as an official document of the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Executive Council.

Thank you.

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