Mr Chairman,

We have noted the concerns expressed by the Syrian delegation about the security situation in the country hindering the transportation of the priority chemicals. We do appreciate that they are facing complex and difficult circumstances in the Syrian Arab Republic and feel that these circumstance should be taken into account.

However, my delegation is also very clear on the necessity for the Syrian Arab Republic to meet all its obligations as clearly laid down in the relevant decisions of the Executive Council and the United Nations resolution.

We therefore, strongly urge the Syrian Government to make all efforts to ensure the removal of its priority chemicals in an expeditious manner, and provide a clear time frame in this regard at the earliest.