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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CHILE AT THE THIRTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Chile welcomes the commitment and the efforts by the Syrian Government, as responsible, for the fulfilment of its obligations to the international community and the OPCW regarding the complete elimination of chemical weapons.

We are aware of the unique security situation in which the transport and boarding of chemical weapons are taking place.

However, we stress the need to comply in a strict, timely and faithful manner with the decisions establishing the deadlines for the destruction and complete elimination of chemical weapons.

We note with concern that the schedule submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic provides for a time frame of 100 days.

Chile acknowledges and welcomes the outstanding efforts by the Director-General and the Technical Secretariat of OPCW to fully cooperate with the Syrian Arab Republic in the fulfilment of its obligations.

In this regard, we welcome the Technical Secretariat's contribution to help the Syrian Arab Republic to establish a schedule for the concurrent transport of chemicals, rather than sequential, that would result in a reduction of the transport times and, therefore, would allow for completion within the established deadlines.

We look forward to the new schedule that will be provided by the Syrian Arab Republic in that regard. We are confident that it will comply with the final destruction deadline.

Regarding the chemical weapons production facilities, they must be destroyed according to the Convention and within the agreed deadlines.

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