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**STATEMENT BY H.E. MARY WHELAN  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRELAND TO THE OPCW AT THE  
FORTIETH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Chairman,

I would like to thank the Director-General for his report this morning on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme.

Ireland recognises that progress has been made since the last resumed session of the Fortieth Meeting of the Executive Council. However, yet again deadlines have not been met. Ireland is concerned at this situation and we call on the Syrian Arab Republic, without further delay, to meet its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention and the commitments it has entered into.

We are deeply concerned about the most recent allegations concerning the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic and look forward to the Director-General's report on this matter.

I request that this statement be considered as an official document of this meeting.

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