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**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR EDUARDO IBAROLA
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MEXICO TO THE OPCW AT THE
FORTIETH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairman,

We wish to express our appreciation to the Director-General, Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü, for the submission of his report and of the latest progress made in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons. We reiterate our acknowledgement to the staff of the Technical Secretariat for the important work that they have carried out in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Mexico recognises the efforts made by the Syrian Arab Republic to ensure the removal of 92.5% of the Priority 1 and Priority 2 chemicals from its territory to date. However, the target has not been met. Therefore, we urge the Syrian Arab Republic to make additional efforts in order to achieve the 100% removal at the earliest.

We reiterate the urgency for reaching an agreement and beginning the implementation of the plan for the destruction of the chemical weapon production facilities.

We support the establishment, deployment and work of the OPCW mission which will investigate the alleged use this month of chlorine gas or of any other chemical in the Syrian territory, and we recognise as a positive gesture that the Syrian Arab Republic provides its full support for the conduct of that mission.

Mexico reiterates that the production and use of chemical weapons by any actor, under any circumstances, is unacceptable, and hence the urgency of their complete destruction.

I request that this statement be considered as an official document of this Executive Council Meeting.

Thank you.

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