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REPORT OF THE FORTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the meeting

The Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), Ambassador Álvaro Moerzinger of Uruguay, opened its Forty-First Meeting in The Hague at 10:09 on 22 May 2014.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the following agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme
4. Combined plans for the destruction and verification of chemical weapons production facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic
5. Facility agreements
6. Any other business
7. Adoption of the report
8. Closure

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme

3.1 The Council **welcomed** the statement by the Director-General in which he outlined the status of the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme. Mindful of the established framework set out for the total elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme by the Chemical Weapons Convention and relevant decisions, the Council **called on** the Syrian Arab Republic to undertake all possible efforts to complete the speedy removal of the remaining chemicals.

3.2 The Council **expressed deep appreciation** for the dedication, professionalism and commitment of the staff members of the OPCW-UN Joint Mission and of the



Technical Secretariat, both in The Hague and in the field, in carrying out their functions.

- 3.3 The Council **noted** a national paper by the Syrian Arab Republic on progress relating to the destruction of chemical weapons and chemical weapons production facilities (CWPFs) on its territory (EC-M-41/P/NAT.1, dated 15 May 2014).

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Combined plans for the destruction and verification of chemical weapons production facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic

- 4.1 A Note by the Director-General on the combined plans for the destruction and verification of CWPFs was circulated to the Council (EC-M-40/DG.2, dated 27 March 2014), along with a national paper by the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-M-40/P/NAT.2, dated 24 March 2014).

- 4.2 The Council was unable to complete its consideration of the combined plans for the destruction and verification of the CWPFs in the Syrian Arab Republic, and **decided** to continue its consideration of the matter at future meetings.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Facility agreements

The Council **deferred** its consideration of a facility agreement with the United States of America specifying the arrangements governing on-site inspections at commercial facilities (EC-M-40/DEC/CRP.2, dated 31 March 2014).

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Any other business

The Council **decided** to hold its next meeting on 17 June at 10:00.

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Adoption of the report

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Forty-First Meeting.

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Closure

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 17:44 on 22 May 2014.