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FORTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairman,

In this brief statement, I should like first of all to express my gratitude for the informative presentations made by the Director-General and by the Special Coordinator of the OPCW-UN Joint Mission dealing with the status of the destruction of the Syrian chemical weapons programme.

I am grateful for the efforts made by the Syrian Arab Republic and the Technical Secretariat in the matter of the destruction of the Syrian chemical weapons programme and, moreover, I congratulate the United States of America on the completion of the destruction of Syrian chemicals on board the vessel Cape Ray; similarly, I congratulate also the inspectors and experts of the OPCW, the Director-General, the Special Coordinator and all those States which, one way or another, have helped to bring about the completion of this significant stage in the Syrian chemical weapons programme.

My delegation welcomes the continuous dialogues between the Syrian Arab Republic and the Technical Secretariat on Syria's initial declaration. In this respect, we repeat our appeal to the Syrian Arab Republic to continue its cooperation in this important area, to clarify any possible discrepancies and decide whether it is necessary to introduce additional amendments that would remedy possible errors and omissions and ensure the accuracy and completeness of its initial declaration.

Lastly, we are obliged for the information received on the progress made in the destruction of chemical weapons production facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic, conform to the important decision which we adopted last month in respect of the destruction of these facilities; also, we trust that the deadlines timetable will be observed.

I should be grateful if this statement could be considered an official document of this meeting of the Council.

Many thanks.

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