

**Statement by H.E. Dr Fauziah Mohamad Taib,
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At ^{the} 45th meeting of the EC**

My delegation thanks the Fact Finding Mission for its Second Report.

We are disturbed by its findings and condemn the ugly act of killing and hurting innocent people through the use of toxic chemicals, now confirmed to be the excessive use of chlorine.

My delegation calls upon the FFM to continue with its work until it is able to point to this Council in no uncertain terms who exactly these perpetrators are.

Mindful of the overall insecurity in the area of Northern Syria and Iraq, my delegation wishes to reiterate our call to all parties, be they the legitimate governments in the region, the moderate rebels, or extremist rebels, to cease this cowardice and barbaric act of killing each other and to come to their senses so that peace and prosperity can be restored in the region.

As a member of the Nonaligned Movement, my delegation cannot and will not stray from our principled position of taking sides in a battle in which we are uncertain of who our enemies are. It is indeed a cause of great concern when an enemy of your enemy is not necessarily your friend.

Once again, my delegation calls upon the Technical Secretariat to take the courageous and bold step to express to us whether a State Party to the CWC has in fact crossed the red line.

I thank you, Mr Chairman and I request that that my statement be included as an official document of this meeting.