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Statement by Ambassador Key Cheol LEE
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the OPCW
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Mr. Chairman,

In its second report, the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission states with a compelling confirmation that a toxic chemical was systematically and repeatedly used as a weapon in three villages located in northern Syria. It also concludes with a high degree of confidence that chlorine, either pure or in mixture, is the toxic chemical in question.

My delegation is deeply concerned about the alleged use of chlorine as a chemical weapon and takes particular note of the Mission's report that helicopters were used to drop barrel bombs containing chlorine gas.

Again, my delegation strongly urges all relevant parties in the Syrian Arab Republic to provide the Mission with full cooperation. Those who are responsible for this should be held accountable and my delegation supports the continued work of the Mission to discover the whole truth of this situation.

Mr. Chairman,

Any further attack against the people of Syria should be deterred and prevented. My delegation is convinced that it is high time to closely work together for this noble goal.