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**Statement by
the Republic of Korea
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Mr. Chairman,

Let me first join other delegations in congratulating you, Ambassador Alvaro Moerzinger, on your presiding the 46th Session of the Executive Council. I would also like to extend my appreciation to Director-General, Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü for his comprehensive and informative opening statement.

Mr. Chairman,

First of all, my delegation would like to praise the tremendous endeavor of the Director General, the Technical Secretariat staff towards the full elimination of Syrian chemical weapons program.

The use of chlorine as weapon is a clear violation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and of UN Security Council Resolution 2118. The Fact Finding Mission presented with evidence that chlorine was used as a weapon and that witnesses invariably connected the attacks to the use of helicopters.

Any further chemical attack against the people of Syria should be deterred, and those who are responsible for this should be held accountable. In this regards, my delegation supports the continued work of the Mission to find out the whole truth of the use of chlorine gas in Syria and also expects an update to its 2nd report of FFM in due time.

Mr. Chairman,

The Syrian Arab Republic should assure the international community that it has fully abandoned its chemical weapons program. Considering that

chlorine was used as a weapon even during the period when the removal and destruction of chemical weapons in Syria were on-going, my delegation is of the view that accurate declarations should be accompanied by complete destruction operations to prevent further use of chemical weapons against the Syrian people. The Syrian Arab Republic must assure the international community that it has fully abandoned its chemical weapons program.

Director General's decision to appoint a Special Advisor for Syria will help ensure efficient implementation of the relevant EC decisions on Syria. My delegation expects full cooperation of the Syrian government for the Advisor's future activities.

In closing, I would like to request that this statement be treated as an official document of the 46th Session of the Executive Council.

I thank you. /End/