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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN AT THE
FORTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

I would like to thank the Director-General for the report he has provided us on the status of the Syrian chemical disarmament plan. The fact that 98% of declared chemical weapons in Syria has been destroyed is positive news, which was made possible thanks to the efforts of the international community and the good work of the Organisation.

There are still some relevant issues that remain unresolved:

- (a) The physical and irreversible destruction of the 12 chemical weapons production facilities. Spain hopes that by the end of this month, it will be possible to start the work to destroy these facilities and complete it by mid 2015.
- (b) The efforts of the Declaration Assessment Team are very useful. Spain highly values the efforts of the Declaration Assessment Team aimed at comprehensively detailing the entirety of the Syrian chemical weapons stockpile. The implementation of the Convention requires the elimination of the chemical weapons production potential of the Syrian Arab Republic and the verification thereof. This final result is indisputable, based on the requirements of international law and in order to prevent the continued suffering caused by the effects of these terrible weapons among those who are most vulnerable: the Syrian people.
- (c) Spain reiterates that it is seriously concerned about the conclusion of the second report from the Fact-Finding Mission, which was made available on 10 September. The conclusion that “there is a compelling confirmation that a toxic chemical was used as a weapon, systematically and repeatedly, in the villages of Talmanes, Al Tamanah, and Kafr Zeta” against the civil population demonstrates that the civil population, including unarmed women and children, is suffering the most terrible consequences of this violation of international law. Those who are guilty should be duly tried in court and held accountable for these war crimes. Spain looks forward with interest to the publication of the third report of the Fact-Finding Mission. Spain recognises the valuable work performed by the members of the Fact-Finding Mission, who have risked their own lives in order to reveal the truth. Spain welcomes



the efforts of the Director-General toward improving security practices and procedures for these types of missions. I would like to welcome Ambassador Medeiros as the Director-General's Special Adviser for Syria.

I would be most grateful if this statement would be considered an official document of this meeting of the Organisation's Executive Council.

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