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**STATEMENT BY THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA TO THE OPCW AT THE
FORTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson,

It is a privilege to once again rely upon your proven abilities and experience in conducting this new meeting of the Executive Council. I reiterate my delegation's full intent to work with you on this task.

I would like to thank the Director-General, Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü, for his report on the advances made in the elimination of the chemical weapons programme in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Based on this report, we note that there have been advances in a variety of aspects of the destruction of the Syrian chemical weapons programme since the last time the Executive Council met, specifically regarding the destruction of the 12 chemical weapons production facilities (CWPFs) and the work that is being carried out by the Declaration Assessment Team.

Without a doubt, we would all like to move forward in a more decisive way at this stage. However, these tasks have proven to be a new challenge for the Technical Secretariat and the OPCW as a whole, as an unprecedented process within the Organisation. It has been proven previously, with the achievement of the removal of declared chemical weapons from Syrian territory, that it has been able to obtain concrete results by joining our efforts and with the determination of the policy-making organs of the OPCW and the Technical Secretariat, in combination with a constructive, frank dialogue with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic. In spite of delays, the dialogue should be maintained, as it will allow for the successful finalisation of the process.

We maintain our support for the work of the Fact-Finding Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic and await the results of the next report due in the month of December. It is important that these are analysed in a constructive manner with the objectivity they deserve.



At the same time, the lines of communication between the Technical Secretariat and the members of the Executive Council ought to be kept open regarding the various means of keeping the Council informed of the evolution and development of the OPCW's activity in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Thank you very much.

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