



Forty-Eighth Meeting
21, 23, and 29 January and 4 February 2015

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REPORT OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the meeting

The Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), Ambassador Álvaro Moerzinger of Uruguay, opened its Forty-Eighth Meeting in The Hague at 10:14 on 21 January 2015.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the following agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Technical Secretariat’s activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
4. Progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme
5. Any other business
6. Adoption of the report
7. Closure

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Technical Secretariat’s activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria

3.1 The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) circulated the third report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria (S/1230/2014, dated 18 December 2014).

3.2 The following delegations made statements: the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), Latvia (observer) (on behalf of the European Union), Turkey (observer), France, Poland, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland (observer), Finland, India, Uruguay, Spain, New Zealand, Chile, Canada (observer), Peru, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, China, Mexico, Japan, Argentina, Belarus, the United States of America, Senegal, Guatemala, the Russian Federation, Cameroon, Italy, and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

3.3 The Council **noted** the Director-General’s statement expressing his intention to include the reports of the Fact-Finding Mission, along with information on the



discussion thereof in the Executive Council, as part of his monthly reports to the United Nations Security Council that are submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to United Nations Security Council resolution 2118 (2013).

3.4 The Council **considered** and **adopted** a decision, by voting, on the reports of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria (EC-M-48/DEC.1, dated 4 February 2015), with the voting result of 40 for (Kenya, Libya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, South Africa, Spain, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uruguay, Algeria, Argentina, Belarus, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Italy, and Japan), one against (the Islamic Republic of Iran), and no abstentions.

3.5 The following delegations made statements: the United States of America, the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), Malaysia, India, Algeria (on behalf of Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa), Brazil, New Zealand (on behalf of Australia and Canada), Spain, Chile, China, the Russian Federation, and France.

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme

4.1 The Director-General delivered a statement to the Council.

4.2 The Council **noted** two Notes by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-78/DG.3, dated 24 November 2014 and EC-M-48/DG.1, dated 23 December 2014).

4.3 The Council **noted** two national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on progress relating to the destruction of chemical weapons and their production facilities (EC-78/P/NAT.1, dated 13 November 2014 and EC-M-48/P/NAT.1, dated 17 December 2014).

4.4 The Secretariat provided an update on the destruction activities and a follow-up briefing on the activities of the Declaration Assessment Team.

4.5 The Council **noted** the second status report of the activities of the Declaration Assessment Team (EC-M-48/P/S/1, dated 14 January 2015).

4.6 The following delegations made statements: the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, France, Germany, the United States of America, and the Syrian Arab Republic (observer).

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Any other business

The Council **noted** that Japan and China welcomed the visits of the Chairperson of the Council, the Director-General, and a delegation representing the Council to destruction facilities to obtain an overview of the destruction of the abandoned chemical weapons being undertaken to assist exercises of their competencies.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Adoption of the report

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Forty-Eighth Meeting.

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Closure

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 17:09 on 4 February 2015.

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