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**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR CARLOS HERRERA  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PERU TO THE OPCW AT THE  
FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson,

First of all, I would like to express our thanks for the presentations by the Director-General and the Technical Secretariat regarding the progress of the elimination of the chemical weapons programme in the Syrian Arab Republic and the recent activities of the Declaration Assessment Team.

My delegation also welcomes the publication of the third report of the Fact-Finding Mission, which elaborates on the second report in order to provide a basis for the conclusions reached by the Mission, which as you will remember concludes with a high degree of confidence that a toxic chemical, chlorine, was used as a weapon systematically and repeatedly in the villages of Talmanes, Al Tamanah, and Kafr Zeta in the north of the Syrian Arab Republic.

In this respect, Peru reiterates its great concern about these findings and once again expresses its most vehement condemnation of the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic by anyone or in any circumstances, as it has resulted in a great number of deaths and serious injuries.

We are particularly appreciative of the work accomplished by the Mission, as recorded in its three reports which were drawn up with great professionalism and sometimes in situations of great danger, such as the armed attack against the Mission's convoy on 27 May 2014.

We believe that it is timely and necessary that the Mission continues its efforts with the investigation of facts surrounding other alleged incidents involving chemical weapons that may exist. In this sense, we are urging the parties in the Syrian Arab Republic to offer the OPCW Mission its full and effective cooperation.

My delegation welcomes the continued conversations between the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Declaration Assessment Team of the Technical Secretariat regarding said country's initial declaration.

We have noted that a number of the unresolved matters highlighted by the Declaration Assessment Team in prior presentations remain today. For that reason, we reiterate our call to the Syrian Arab Republic to continue to cooperate on this important matter in order to clarify any potential discrepancies and determine any need to introduce additional



amendments to remedy any possible errors or omissions and, at the same time, guarantee the precision and completeness of its initial declaration.

I kindly request that this statement be considered an official document of this meeting of the Executive Council.

Thank you very much, Mr Chairperson.

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