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STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR DR FAUZIAH MOHAMAD TAIB PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA TO THE OPCW AT THE FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Mr Chairman,

I take the floor to state my delegation's satisfaction with the Executive Council resolution EC-M-48/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.1, dated 29 January 2015, brokered by the United States of America and the Russian Federation, which we have put to a vote today. In particular, my delegation is happy with operative paragraph 5 of this resolution which emphasised the monitoring aspect of States Parties over the Technical Secretariat. In every other organisation, especially the United Nations, the Secretariat is only an arm of the States Parties; it does not move without a by-your-leave of the Member States.

This paragraph actually promotes accountability and transparency. With this provision, we can now know what, when, how, and in what manner the Technical Secretariat wants to do things and that they get the States Parties' blessing for it.

My delegation requests that my statement be included as an official document of this meeting and to be posted on the external server and the public website.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.

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