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CHILE

STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHILE TO THE OPCW AT THE FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Our country is convinced that a consensus is the best way to work, and the most suitable for the development of our mission as it allows us to convey a general agreement reinforcing the identity and the role of the Organisation. Over the years, this is how it has tackled issues that have been equally or even more complex than what brings us here today.

For this reason, we regret that it was not possible to achieve a consensus on a matter for which there are shared concerns and which falls directly within this Organisation's purview.

Given the situation and the relevance of the matter under discussion, we cannot but support a decision that conveys the conclusions and the established elements that we share. For that same reason, we highly value the fact that the Council has adopted this determination, and with such broad support.

In addition to reiterating our support for the work of the Fact-Finding Mission and its continuation, we believe it is timely to note that the Mission should also act when it comes to the allegations made by the Syrian Arab Republic, which should be duly considered.

Finally, we acknowledge the work that has been done by the Council Chairperson in trying—up to the very last moment—to achieve an alignment of positions on the draft decision and searching for the best resolution for all.

Mr Chairperson, I request that this intervention be considered an official document of this meeting.

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