



Forty-Ninth Meeting

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REPORT OF THE FORTY-NINTH 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-Ninth Meeting in The Hague at 10:11 on 7 May 2015.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

2.1 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

2.2 The Director-General provided an update on the progress of elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme.

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

The Director-General provided an update in regard to the Fact-Finding Mission and on the implementation of EC-M-48/DEC.1 (dated 4 February 2015). Some delegations made statement under this agenda item (see paragraph 4.5).

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

4.1 The Council **noted** two Notes by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-79/DG.1, dated 23 March 2015; and EC-M-49/DG.1, dated 23 April 2015).



- 4.2 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-79/P/NAT.1, dated 18 March 2015; and EC-M-49/P/NAT.1, dated 17 April 2015).
- 4.3 The Technical Secretariat provided a follow-up briefing on the activities of the Declaration Assessment Team (DAT).
- 4.4 The Council **noted** the fourth status report of the activities of the DAT (EC-M-49/P/S/1, dated 1 May 2015).
- 4.5 The following delegations made statements under agenda item 3, agenda item 4, or both: Latvia (on behalf of the European Union), Spain, France, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland (observer), Peru, Belarus, Algeria, Argentina, Chile, Cuba (observer), the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), Germany, Brazil, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Turkey (observer), Poland, Japan, Kenya, South Africa, the Netherlands, India, Finland, the Czech Republic (observer), the Russian Federation, Iran (the Islamic Republic of), Belgium (observer), Canada (observer), and China.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Any other business

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Adoption of the report

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

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Closure

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 19:27 on 7 May 2015.

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