STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR MR. AHMAD NAZRI YUSOF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA TO THE OPCW AT THE FIFTIETH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia welcomes the efforts and hard work of the Secretariat and the Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) to verify the use of chemical weapons in incidents in Syria that has resulted in heavy civilian casualties.

Two (2) of the FFM reports have confirmed that sulphur mustard and chlorine has been used in the incidents in *Marea* and the *Idlib Governorate*. Malaysia is concern with this development and support the effort to bring those responsible for this hideous crime, to justice and be held accountable for their act.

We hope the FFM would be able to continue its investigation. All concerned parties should extend their full support and cooperation to enable the team to come up with concrete and conclusive outcome of the investigation.

While we are mindful of the constraints and challenges faced by the investigation team, we should at all times uphold the principle of equality, effective and non-discriminatory in the implementation of the Convention.

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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