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REPORT OF THE FIFTIETH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the meeting

The Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council"), Ambassador Francesco Azzarello of Italy, opened its Fiftieth Meeting in The Hague at 10:06 on 23 November 2015.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the following agenda:

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Adoption of the agenda
- 3. Reports of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria (S/1318/2015, S/1319/2015, and S/1320/2015, all dated 29 October 2015)
- 4. Any other business
- 5. Adoption of the report
- 6. Closure

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Reports of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria (S/1318/2015, S/1319/2015, and S/1320/2015, all dated 29 October 2015)

- 3.1 The Director-General delivered a statement to the Council.
- 3.2 The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat") briefed the Council on three reports of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria (S/1318/2015, S/1319/2015, and S/1320/2015).
- 3.3 The following delegations made statements: Canada (observer), Luxembourg (observer, on behalf of the European Union), Germany, the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), the United States of America, Turkey (observer), France, Spain, Australia (observer), the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Poland (observer), New Zealand, Brazil, Finland, Portugal (observer), Belgium (observer), Norway (observer), Qatar, Switzerland (observer), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Chile, Belarus, Malaysia, South Africa, India, the Republic of

Korea, Saudi Arabia, China, Armenia, Mexico, Guatemala, Cuba (observer), Cameroon, Argentina, the Russian Federation, and Peru.

3.4 The Council **considered** and **adopted** a decision on further reports of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria (EC-M-50/DEC.1, dated 23 November 2015).

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Any other business

The delegation of Iraq updated the Council on progress in the investigation conducted by the Government of Iraq, supported by the Secretariat, into allegations of the use of chemical weapons on its territory. The Director-General confirmed the effective cooperation between Iraq and the OPCW, and updated the Council on the efforts of the Secretariat to support further investigation by Iraq.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Adoption of the report

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Fiftieth Meeting.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Closure

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 18:05 on 23 November 2015.

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