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AT THE FIFTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Thank you, Mr Chairperson,

I would also like to thank the Director-General and the Permanent Representative of Libya for their reports.

First, we appreciate efforts which Libya has made to date to destruct its chemical weapons stockpile. We would also like to commend the Technical Secretariat for its efforts to assist destruction of chemical weapons by Libya.

On the imminent challenge before us, we listen carefully to the alarming situation in Libya, and take full note of the request from Libya submitted to the Organisation under imminent threats posed by non-State actors. We must address this difficult security challenge with a sense of urgency. Responsibility and capability of the Organisation are being tested again.

Regarding possible options available for destruction of the remaining chemical weapons in Libya, it is of utmost importance to consider how best we can implement a destruction option expeditiously and to decide the best suitable option at the next regular session of the Council. Therefore, we support the proposed decision to give mandate to the Director-General to provide the States Parties with assessment of options necessary to address this urgent challenge.

I am convinced that the OPCW will be able to demonstrate again its determination and discharge its responsibility to continue to play an important role by addressing this urgent problem.

Lastly, Mr Chairperson,

Since this is the last opportunity also for me to be present at the meeting of the Organisation, I would like to echo the appreciation expressed by the distinguished Ambassador of Algeria to all of my colleagues of States Parties, the Director-General and the Technical Secretariat.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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