



Fifty-Fourth Meeting  
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### REPORT OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

#### 1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the meeting

The Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), Ambassador Odette Melono of Cameroon, opened its Fifty-Fourth Meeting in The Hague at 10:16 on 13 April 2017.

#### 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. Alleged use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic
4. Any other business
5. Adoption of the report
6. Closure

#### 3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Alleged use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic

3.1 The Director-General delivered a statement to the Council.

3.2 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: Bulgaria (observer), Canada (observer), Ireland (observer), the Netherlands (observer), Switzerland, Belgium, Malta (observer) (on behalf of the European Union), Turkey (observer), Sweden, Brazil, Italy, Guatemala, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Chile, Uruguay (observer), New Zealand (observer), Morocco (on behalf of the African Group), Australia, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Germany, Argentina, Spain, Finland (observer), Mexico, Denmark (observer), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Peru, Poland, France, Panama, Indonesia (observer), Algeria, Norway (observer), the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), India, Cuba (observer), Colombia (observer), Bangladesh, Portugal (observer), Armenia, China, and the Russian Federation.



- 3.3 The Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation submitted a draft decision entitled “Addressing the Situation around the Alleged Use of Chemical Weapons in the Khan Shaykhun Area of Southern Idlib in the Syrian Arab Republic” (EC-M-54/DEC/CRP.1, dated 13 April 2017).
- 3.4 The Chairperson suspended the meeting and reopened it on 19 April 2017.
- 3.5 The following delegations made statements on the draft decision: the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (observer), the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), the United States of America, Viet Nam, Germany, France, Cuba (observer), Italy, China, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, New Zealand (observer), Australia, Canada (observer), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sweden, Slovakia, Belgium, the Netherlands (observer), the Republic of Korea, Brazil, Switzerland, Chile, Finland (observer), and Spain.
- 3.6 Subsequently, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation revised the draft decision, which was circulated as EC-M-54/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.1 (dated 19 April 2017).
- 3.7 The following delegations made statements: the Russian Federation, the Netherlands (observer), Guatemala, the United States of America, Canada (observer), and France.
- 3.8 The Chairperson suspended the meeting and reopened it on 20 April 2017.
- 3.9 The draft decision EC-M-54/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.1, dated 19 April 2017 was amended by the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation on 20 April. Under Rule 42(b) of the Rules of Procedure, the aforementioned draft decision was **considered and voted on**. The vote led to the following result: 6 for (Algeria, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, South Africa, and the Sudan), 21 against (Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America), and 13 abstentions (Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Ghana, India, Iraq, Kenya, Morocco, Pakistan, Senegal, and Viet Nam). In the light of that result, the draft decision was not adopted.
- 3.10 The following delegations explained their vote: Germany, Brazil, Guatemala, Algeria, Peru, China, Argentina, Pakistan, Chile, Sweden, France, Iraq, Poland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belgium, the United States of America, and the Russian Federation.

**4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Any other business**

**5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Adoption of the report**

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Fifty-Fourth Meeting.

**6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Closure**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 17:28 on 20 April 2017.