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**MEXICO**

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

Madam Chairperson,

Mexico expresses its profound concern regarding the resurgence of violence in the Syrian Arab Republic and reiterates its strong condemnation of the inhumane use of chemical weapons against the population—including children—which took place this past 4 April in Khan Shaykhun. We voice our solidarity with the victims and their families.

In accordance with its tradition of promoting complete disarmament in general, Mexico reiterates its firm commitment to the prohibition of the development, production, and stockpiling of chemical weapons, as well as the total elimination thereof.

Mexico categorically and vehemently condemns the use of chemical weapons by anyone and under any circumstances. Any and all use of chemical weapons constitutes a flagrant violation of human rights, international law, and international humanitarian law, in addition to a war crime and an unacceptable act that poses a threat to international peace and security.

Mexico believes it is necessary to highlight the work of the OPCW as a technical organisation for disarmament and expresses its support for the activities being carried out by the Fact-Finding Mission and the continued investigation into the use of chemical weapons in Syria.

Within this context, we strongly urge all States Parties, in line with the purpose and principles of the United Nations, to ensure that the situation in Syria is resolved peacefully via dialogue and negotiations with all of the parties involved.

I kindly request that this statement be published on the OPCW's webpage and be considered a public and official document of this meeting.

Thank you.

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