

**OPCW EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**57TH MEETING 4 APRIL 2018**

**STATEMENT BY BRAZIL**

Brazil received with great concern the information on the possible use of chemical weapons in the United Kingdom. We reiterate our firm rejection against the use of these artifacts or any weapon of mass destruction.

We favour the use of all resolution means enshrined in the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, so that the Salisbury case can be investigated in an impartial, independent, transparent and balanced manner. Should the suspicion of use of chemical agent be confirmed, all efforts must be made to identify the authors of the attack and to assign responsibility to the perpetrators.

Brazil urges the States Parties involved to seek a mutual consent means of resolution, within the framework of the OPCW, under the auspices of the mechanisms foreseen in the Convention.

Brazil defends that the Executive Council should have a central role in the matter, taking into account its functions of safeguarding the integrity of the CWC and of facilitating understanding and consultations among States Parties.

Thank you