

**STATEMENT OF VIETNAM AT THE FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF  
THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

*(16 April 2018)*

*Agenda item: Alleged use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic*

*Mr. Chairperson,*

*Mr. Director-General,*

*Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,*

At the outset, we would like to thank Mr. Director-General for his statement and wish to share with you our national views as follows:

We reaffirm our position that the use of chemical weapons anywhere, by anyone and under any circumstance should be condemned and perpetrators of chemical weapons attacks should be held accountable. We welcome the Director-General's decision to deploy a Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) team to Douma to establish facts surrounding the information about of the alleged use of chemical weapons in Douma, (Syrian Arab Republic) on 7 April 2018, and support efforts to carry out related investigations in a comprehensive, objective, impartial and professional manner. We call upon Syria and all parties concerned to help facilitate the work done by FFM.

Viet Nam remains concerned about the current situation in Syria and supports all efforts of the international community to maintain peace and security in Syria and the region at large through dialogues and negotiations.

We strongly believe that all conflicts and disputes must be resolved by peaceful means, on the basis of the international law, especially the United Nations Charter. We support the full implementation of the CWC.

Finally, we request that this statement be circulated as an official document of this meeting of the Council and published on the OPCW website and extranet.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.