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H.E. Dr. Ahmet Üzümcü
Director-General
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
Johan de Wittlaan 32
2517 JR – The Hague
Netherlands

Subject: Condemnation of Chemical Weapons Use

Dear Director-General,

The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) condemn any and all use of chemical agents as weapons. Recent reports of such uses are deeply concerning to IUPAC.

IUPAC unequivocally supports investigative work conducted by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) as part of the OPCW mission to implement the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

The Chemical Weapons Convention outlaws the production, stockpiling, and use of chemical weapons and their precursors. All nations, but three (Egypt, North Korea and South Sudan) are signatories to the CWC.

We stand ready to offer our assistance to OPCW as they continue their investigations in these urgent matters.

Sincerely,

Q. F. Zhou

Prof. Qi-Feng Zhou
President, International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

cc: R. Hartshorn, N. Tarasova, C. Brett, C. Humphris, J. Foreman (OPCW)