

Algeria: Statement on behalf of of H.E. Ambassador Salima Abdelhak, Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the OPCW at the 107th session of the Executive Council under agenda item 13 : follow -up to the Review Conferences

(Geographic Representation)

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First, we would like to express our thanks to the delegation of Chile for bringing this topic into our discussions today, considering the importance for our Organisation to encourage equitable representation among the different geographic regions.

My delegation welcomes the efforts made by the Director-General and the technical Secretariat aiming at achieving equitable geographic representation in the Staff of the Technical Secretariat.

Last year, constructive and open discussions were held under the chairmanship of the delegation of Chile that lead to the adoption of an action plan on how to promote the geographic representation. We look forward to a regular follow -up and to the results of the implementation of this plan which aims to promote a diverse and highly skilled staff within the OPCW. Such a workforce will empower the Technical Secretariat to optimally carry out its responsibilities.

In conclusion, my delegation believes that The OPCW's success is attributed to its large and diverse membership. It is essential to reflect this diversity in the composition of the Technical Secretariat (TS).

I thank you for your attention.