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Weapons Use (Any other Matters)**

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Mr. Chairperson:

We have followed the statements of the States Parties on this issue, unfortunately all of them direct false accusations against Russia, just as in the Syrian case. My delegation would like to point out the following facts:

1. We reiterate that the Russian Federation is at the forefront of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention, which signed the Convention in 1993 and ratified it in 1997 upon its entry into force. Russia has adhered to the provisions of the Convention and has been one of the States Parties most committed to implementing the decisions of the Policy-Making Organs of the Organization. Russia's history confirms this established fact, and it destroyed its chemical arsenal ahead of the specified time, and preceded other countries that possess all the capabilities of destruction and claim their commitment to the Convention and the Organization.

2. In return for this Russian commitment, Western countries have been working since 2018 to direct the same false accusations against Russia without any evidence, which are the same accusations directed against Syria. The same countries that direct these accusations against Russia are working to fuel the war against Russia. This approach followed by Western countries is a politicized approach that they are accustomed to practicing, and its goal is to harm Russia. Western countries repeatedly make unfounded accusations against Russia in a number of incidents, such as the Skripal and Navalny cases, and the alleged use of riot control agents as a chemical weapon in Ukraine.
3. We have never heard from Russia that it has refused to cooperate with the countries that have accused it, on the contrary, we find that Russia is working with all seriousness and transparency to uncover the truth. In return, Russia has provided a lot of evidence and documents that have confirmed the involvement of Ukrainian forces in fabricating incidents of using chemical weapons, as well as the actual use of these

weapons against Russian forces and civilians in eastern Ukraine.

4. In July 2024, the Russian Ministry of Defence confirmed that it had recorded more than 400 cases of the use of toxic chemicals by the Ukrainian side, most of which were officially confirmed by a laboratory accredited by the Russian Ministry of Defence. All investigations into all these incidents were carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons using field and stationary laboratories that allow for a reliable identification of the type of chemical compound and the country of origin. The available evidence base on Ukraine's violations of its obligations under the Convention has been transferred to the Technical Secretariat of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.
5. We are certain that the United States of America and some Western countries will adopt the same scenario that they are following with Syria, as they will push for sending special teams from the Technical Secretariat to investigate allegations

of Russia's use of chemical weapons with the aim of fabricating accusations against Russia.

Thank you, and I hope that this statement will be considered an official document of the 107th Session of the Executive Council, and published on the public OPCW website and Catalyst.