

**TÜRKİYE: STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR SELÇUK ÜNAL, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE TO THE OPCW AT THE 107<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6(c) – ELIMINATION OF THE SYRIAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS PROGRAMME**

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Mr. Chairperson,  
Distinguished Delegates,

Türkiye notes the latest report of the Director-General of the OPCW on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme with deep concern.

According to the assessment of the Technical Secretariat, the declaration submitted by Damascus still cannot be considered accurate and complete in accordance with the Convention.

After more than 10 years since its accession to the Chemical Weapons Convention, it is unacceptable to see that no complete declaration was made yet.

The fate of hundreds of tonnes of chemical weapons agents and more than 2.000 munitions remain yet to be verified is a grave concern to all. Other information regarding non-verified ammunition and material is a further source of concern.

Syrian regime must declare the full extent of its chemical weapons programme without any further delay, extend its full cooperation and put an end to its obstruction to the work of the OPCW Syria missions in contravention of the Chemical Weapons Convention, UN Security Council resolution 2118 and relevant decisions of the OPCW policy-making organs.

Damascus must cooperate with the Declaration Assessment Team (DAT) to address the issues left open.

We will continue to follow and encourage the work to resolve the remaining identified gaps, inconsistencies and discrepancies.

Thank you.