



**Permanent Representation
of Ukraine to the OPCW**

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Point 6 (c) Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme

Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine at the 107th session of the Executive Council

Mr Chairperson,

Director-General,

Ukraine fully associates itself with the statement delivered by H.E. Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the OPCW Dániel Mihály Horogszegi Szilágyi on behalf of the European Union.

Ukraine welcomes the Technical Secretariat's professional efforts in the Syrian Arab Republic. We fully support the efforts of the DAT (Declaration Assessment Team), FFM (Fact-Finding Mission), and IIT (Investigation and Identification Team).

Let me express support and appreciation for the professional, impartial, and independent work carried out by the Investigation and Identification Team.

Ukraine welcomes the efforts of DAT to clarify all outstanding issues regarding the initial and subsequent declarations submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic in accordance with the Convention.

Nevertheless, the DAT has raised and reported a total of 26 outstanding issues. These include two outstanding issues that have been opened recently, in July 2024, as a result of the Syrian Arab Republic's insufficient explanation of the presence of traces of chemical warfare agents. So far, seven issues have been resolved, while 19 remain open.

Ukraine reiterates its firm stance that the use of chemical weapons in Syria is a flagrant violation of international law and those responsible for such actions must be held accountable.

Ukraine regrets the lack of cooperation from Syria in this process.

We call on Syria to fulfil its obligations under the Convention, to fully cooperate with the Organisation and to provide assistance to the Secretariat as set in paragraph 7 of Article VII of the Convention, as well as its obligations to provide immediate and unfettered access to all personnel designated by the OPCW as set out in Council decision and United Nations Security Council resolution.

After careful review, and without prejudice, Syria lacks constructive approach, correction of identified gaps, inconsistencies, discrepancies, pending declarations, and documents, *etc.*

I would kindly ask you to consider this statement as an official document of the 107th session of the Executive Council and post it on the OPCW external server and public website.

Thank you for your attention.