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The Indian delegation thanks His Excellency Andrés Terán Parral, Ambassador of Ecuador, for chairing this meeting of the Executive Council. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the Technical Secretariat, led by Director-General Fernando Arias for convening this meeting and for their commitment towards supporting the effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

India attaches the highest importance to the full and effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. India has always maintained that any use of chemical weapons is in complete disregard of humanity, and contrary to the provisions of the Convention.

We take note of the situation in Syria in light of the on-going developments. India has underlined the need for all parties to work towards preserving the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria. India would like to state that the engagements with Syria follow scrupulously the provisions and procedures embedded in the Convention, in conformity with the delicate balance of power and responsibility enshrined under it, to establish facts, and resolve outstanding issues.

India remains concerned about the possibility of alleged chemical weapons falling into the hands of non-state actors and individuals.

Our efforts in OPCW should be aimed at eliminating all possibilities of any present or future use of chemical weapons. The growing complexity of global security environment calls for greater vigilance and continued efforts by both OPCW and the member States towards achieving general and complete chemical disarmament.

Thank you Chair.