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**STATEMENT BY THE DEPUTY-PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PAKISTAN  
TO THE OPCW AT THE FORTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
ON THE NOMINATION OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE OPCW  
(AGENDA ITEM 5)**

Mr Chairman,

First of all, I would like to congratulate the United Kingdom for the nomination of their Auditor General for the appointment of External Auditor General of OPCW for the term 2015-17.

While our delegation had accepted the procedure proposed by the Chair for the nomination of External Auditor of the OPCW in the spirit of building consensus, we hope that this procedure will not serve as a precedent for the subsequent election of the External Auditors. We feel that the proposed procedure had failed to take into account the important principles of equity and geographical distribution which have always been given paramount importance while dealing with such issues.

My delegation also hopes that in future, due diligence will be exercised by the concerned department of the Secretariat while preparing a comparative analysis of such competitive bids and every effort will be made to make sure that a factual statement is prepared without omissions of important facts.

My delegation would also like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for the efforts made by the facilitators, Ambassador of Japan H.E. Mr Masaru Tsuji in evolving consensus among the three bidding countries. We are also thankful to the Chair and the panel of Ambassadors for guiding the nomination process of External Auditor successfully.

I request that this statement may be treated as an official document of this meeting.

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