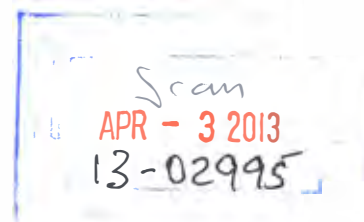


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Note to the Deputy Secretary-General

Statement attributable to the spokesperson regarding the status of the UN Mission to Investigate Allegations of the Use of Chemical Weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic

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1. Reference is made to the Secretary-General's decision to establish a United Nations Mission to Investigate Allegations of the Use of Chemical Weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic.
2. Please find below a statement attributable to the spokesperson regarding the status of the preparations in this regard.

As of 2 April 2013, Mr. Ake Sellstrom assumed his duties as the Head of the UN Mission. He is currently in The Hague to meet with representatives and experts of the OPCW and WHO. The preparation for the Mission is well underway.

Angela Kane
3 April 2013



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