



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

2 August 2016

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the thirty-fourth monthly report of the Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), submitted pursuant to paragraph 12 of Security Council resolution 2118 (2013). The present letter covers the period from 24 June 2016 to 22 July 2016.

With respect to the destruction of chemical weapons production facilities declared by the Syrian Arab Republic, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has informed OPCW that the security situation continues to prevent safe access to destroy the remaining hangar. I note that the Director-General also states that the condition of the two stationary above-ground facilities remains unconfirmed, also due to the poor security situation.

With respect to the initial declaration by Syria and subsequent submissions, I take note that the Director-General has reported to the OPCW Executive Council on the outcome of his consultations with the Syrian Arab Republic regarding its chemical weapons declaration. I further note that although new information has been provided to OPCW by the Syrian Arab Republic on some outstanding items, resulting in the submission of new amendments to relevant parts of its declaration, the OPCW Technical Secretariat was not in a position to verify the underpinning explanations given. I note that the Director-General has also attached his report entitled "Outcome of consultations with the Syrian Arab Republic regarding its Chemical Weapons Declaration." This report was made available to Members of the Security Council only.

The use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic is unacceptable. I strongly condemn any use of such materials by any party to the conflict, and once again call for the perpetrators of any such acts to be brought to justice.

His Excellency
Mr. Ramlan Bin Ibrahim
President of the Security Council
New York

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Pursuant to Security Council resolution 2235 (2015), the OPCW-UN Joint Investigative Mechanism is advancing with the investigation of the nine selected cases. During the reporting period, the Mechanism continued to receive technical briefings and information relevant to its investigation from a number of Member States in New York, in The Hague and in capitals. It also received technical assessments from forensic institutes and from experts. The Mechanism continued its engagement with non-governmental organizations and individuals that possess information about the cases under investigation. The Leadership Panel and the Mechanism's investigators will be in Damascus for consultations and technical meetings from 1 to 5 August 2016. The Mechanism will submit a written report to the Security Council in August.

I reiterate my call on Member States and relevant stakeholders, including from the region, to promptly share information that may help the Mechanism to fulfil its mandate. I also reiterate the importance of continued cooperation by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic to the requests of the Mechanism for information and/or access.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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To: CDC (through ODSG),

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council transmitting the report of the Director-General of OPCW on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme.


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1. Please find attached, for consideration, approval and signature, of the Secretary-General, the thirty-fourth letter to the President of the Security Council transmitting a letter from the Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and his Note to the OPCW Executive Council on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (OPCW document EC-83/DG.2). The letter from the Secretary-General also provides an update on activities related to the establishment and functioning of the OPCW-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism (JIM), further to Security Council resolution 2235 (2015).
2. Upon the Secretary-General's signature thereof, the Director-General's letter and his Note to the Executive Council (EC-83/DG.2) will be provided to the President of the Security Council per past practice in this regard.
3. Also attached, please find the Director-General's report entitled "Outcome of consultations with the Syrian Arab Republic regarding its Chemical Weapons Declaration" (EC-82/HP/DG.2) for inclusion with the aforementioned documents to be transmitted to Security Council members. As the Director-General's letter indicates, this is a redacted version of a Highly Protected Report that was circulated to the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention in The Hague.
4. In this regard, and further to discussions with OPCW and the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, I note that the OPCW has requested that this report (EC-82/HP/DG.2) be for circulation to the Members of the Security Council only, due to the sensitivity of its contents. Accordingly, that report is herewith provided in hard copy only. Upon signature of the attached letter by the Secretary-General, the hard copy of this report will be provided electronically, with individualized marking to reduce the risk of leakage, to the Members of the Security Council only, in consideration of the OPCW's request. The circulation of this report to Members of the Security Council only is noted in the attached draft letter from the Secretary-General.

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1 August 2016

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