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**Security Council**

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**Statement by the President of the Security Council**

1 At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 21 November, 2016, in connection with the Council's consid-  
2 eration of the item entitled The Situation in Syria, the President of the Security Council made the following statement  
3 on behalf of the Council:

4 The Security Council expresses its deepest sympathy for the victims of chemical weapons attacks and its  
5 conviction that all actors involved in these attacks must be investigated and held accountable.

6 Additionally, the Security Council reiterates the United Nations' commitment to a resolution of the Syrian  
7 Crisis and its commitment to human rights.

8 The Security Council strongly encourages the creation of a partnership between the International Criminal  
9 Police Organization (INTERPOL) and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)-United  
10 Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism (JIM), given the spike in security threats in Syria, specifically, the recent use  
11 of chlorine barrel-bombs. The partnership would increase resources available to the current OPCW-UN JIM as it  
12 proceeds with its inspections in the Syrian Arab Republic regarding the weaponization, storage, delivery, and use of  
13 toxic chemicals as weapons, and to identify the involvement of non-state actors. The addition of INTERPOL Chem-  
14 ical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Terrorism Prevention Program, with its extensive  
15 experience having previously worked with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Office on  
16 Drugs and Crime (UNODC), will be beneficial in aiding the OPCW-UN JIM to draw conclusive findings on the  
17 events that transpired in Syria. These findings must then be reported to the Secretary-General for further action.

18 The Security Council will continue to pay close attention to developments.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions