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Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates,

1. The report before you details the additional resource requirements for the OPCW – UN Joint Investigative Mechanism amounting to just over \$5 million for the period 1 January to 30 September 2016 to implement its mandate pursuant to Security Council resolution 2235 (2015) which established the entity for a period of one year with the possibility of future extension by the Council if deemed necessary.

2. Given the urgency of setting up the Joint Investigative Mechanism to become fully operational in a short span of time, the initial activities of the JIM for the period 1 October to 31 December 2015 were funded under a commitment authority of the Secretary-General under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 68/249 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2014-2015, in the amount of just over \$1 million.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, I remain at your disposal for any additional information and further clarifications.