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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

#### **SUBJECT: NAMIBIA CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SYRIA**

The Government of the Republic of Namibia is deeply concerned about the ongoing developments in Syria.

As a State Party to the UN chemical Weapons Convention, Namibia welcomes the Statement issued by the African Union on 15th April 2018, on the situation regarding Syria.

For the sake of the people of Syria and peace in general, we call on the UN Security Council to live up to its Charter obligations and find a lasting solution to bring about peace in Syria, through peaceful means.

Unilateral action is incompatible with the UN Charter and risks undermining the effectiveness of the very institution created to resolve conflict.

The United Nations Security Council must remain united and pursue common justice, peace, security and stability through dialogue and diplomacy based on the principles of multilateralism.

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