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Statement of the Special Coordinator of the Joint Mission **Ms. Sigrid Kaag**

Today, a shipment of the Syrian Arab Republic's stockpile of sulphur mustard, commonly known as "mustard gas" has left its territory. I welcome this shipment as an important step in the elimination of the Syrian Arab Republic's chemical weapons programme, said Special Coordinator Sigrid Kaag.

The Joint Mission looks forward to the Syrian Arab Republic continuing its efforts to complete the removal of the remaining chemical materials in a safe, secure and timely manner, through systematic, predictable and high-volume movements.

The Joint Mission encourages the Syrian Arab Republic to maintain momentum in implementing UN Security Council Resolution 2118 (2013), and the relevant Decisions of the OPCW Executive Council.

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