



PC.DEL/331/18  
20 March 2018

ENGLISH only

---

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland  
to the UN Office and the International Organizations in Vienna

**Statement on the nerve agent attack in Salisbury, Wiltshire**

**Delivered by Mr. Mieczysław Kuziński, Deputy Head of the Mission of Poland**

**1179th Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council**

**(Vienna, 15th March 2018)**

Mr. Chairman,

Poland fully subscribes to the statement just delivered by Bulgaria on behalf of the EU. In addition let me add some comments in my national capacity. Our statement today is based on the Polish intervention in the UN SC in New York and the statements by the highest Polish authorities.

Mr. Chairman, Poland is gravely concerned by information on the use of military grade nerve agent in an attempt to murder Mr. Sergei Skripal and his daughter Ms. Yulia Skripal, which endangered lives of innocent civilians.

Poland has always been a committed supporter of chemical disarmament and non-proliferation. In this context, we strongly condemn this unprecedented attack on the territory of the United Kingdom, the first of this kind in Europe after World War II. After continued use of chemicals as weapons in Syria, this case is another clear example of violation of the international law and the provisions of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (CWC).

We express our full solidarity with the British people and the British Government as well as the readiness to support our close ally and European partner in conduct of the investigation.

At the same time we call on Russia to address the UK's questions and appropriately cooperate with the OPCW in this regard.

Poland expresses its strong conviction that there is no place for impunity – those responsible for the use of chemical weapons must and should be held accountable.

Thank you.