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Statement on the nerve agent attack in Salisbury, Wiltshire, UK
delivered by the Mission of Poland
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(Vienna, 12th April 2018)

Mr. Chairman,

Poland has already expressed in many venues, including this hall, its grave concerns on the use of a military grade nerve agent in Salisbury. We have strongly condemned this unprecedented attack on the territory of the United Kingdom and called on Russia to address the United Kingdom's legitimate questions and appropriately cooperate with the OPCW in this regard. We have supported and continue to support the United Kingdom's efforts to have a thorough investigation and analysis of this case, including through the OPCW.

Let me thank the United Kingdom Delegation for the update on the investigation of the Salisbury attack and its results. The findings of the OPCW are of crucial importance, including the tests made by several laboratories. According to the information we have received, the OPCW investigation confirmed that the toxic chemical used in Salisbury was a military grade nerve agent – Novichok. This finding is a clear confirmation of the validity of the actions undertaken by the international community in solidarity with the United Kingdom.

As we stated clearly in March: it is our strong conviction that with regard to the use of prohibited chemical weapons there is no place for impunity – those responsible for the use of chemical weapons and violation of international law must be held accountable.

Thank you.