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Minister Ellwood welcomes UN condemnation of Syrian use of chemical weapons

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Speaking after the United Nations Security Council today agreed Resolution 2209 condemning the use of chlorine gas in Syria, Foreign office Minister for the Middle East Tobias Ellwood said:

The Security Council has today reinforced the finding by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons: that chemical weapons have been repeatedly and systematically used in Syria. This is in violation of previous Security Council resolutions, the Chemical Weapons Convention and Syria’s previous commitment to the destruction of chemical weapons. This resolution shows the abhorrence the international community feels for these findings.

These horrific acts are only the latest entry in an a long catalogue of outrageous abuses perpetrated by the Assad regime, including the calculated use of barrel bombs against civilians and the continuing use of food deprivation as a weapon of war. The UK, together with our international partners, will remain committed to holding to account those responsible for these appalling acts.

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