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**Public Condemnation and Responsibility of the Government of Syria  
in the Use of Chemical Weapons**

- This detailed, unclassified intelligence assessment demonstrates the Syrian government's responsibility for the use of chemical weapons on the outskirts of Damascus on August 21.
- This attack against the Syrian government's own citizens was, in the words of Secretary Kerry, a moral obscenity.
- We respect and support the work of the UN team gathering additional evidence of the regime's use of chemical weapons and their lethal effect on hundreds of civilians, but it already is clear that the government conducted this attack. The regime must be held accountable for its actions.