

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
AT THE 102nd SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6(b)**

Mr Chairperson,

One of the noble but basic objectives of the Convention has been the total and permanent destruction of chemical weapons. After 26 years of the implementation of the Convention as well as several times of extension of destruction deadlines, this goal and indeed obligation of the Convention has yet to be fulfilled.

Today, we heard that we seem closer to this goal as the sole possessor State Party might eventually destruct its remaining declared chemical weapons stockpiles, by September 2023.

We firmly believe that since chemical weapons have proven to be a scourge on humanity, the sole possessor State Party must comply with its obligations under the Convention and the relevant decisions of the policy-making organs and accelerate its efforts by making use of all relevant technologies and methods to complete the destruction of its chemical weapons stockpiles in the shortest possible time.

I request that this statement be posted as an official document of this session on the OPCW catalyst and public website.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.