

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC
OF IRAN AT THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW THE OPERATION
OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to reiterate the principled position of my delegation that the Islamic Republic of Iran does not recognize the regime of Israel as a State and its attendance at the Fifth Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention shall not be construed as the recognition of this regime by my delegation.

I request that this statement be circulated as an official document of this session and posted on the OPCW's public website and Catalyst portal.

Thank You, Mr. Chairperson.