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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO
THE OPCW AT THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE
STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THE CHEMICAL
WEAPONS CONVENTION UNDER AGENDA ITEM 9(C)(III)**

Mr Chairperson,

The destruction of chemical weapons is the main purpose and pillar of the Convention. It is unfortunate that the only possessor of chemical weapons stockpiles, after 26 years of the implementation of the Convention and several extensions of deadlines, has not yet fulfilled its obligation to destroy its declared stockpiles. While noting the progress made in this regard since the last Review Conference, we firmly believe that the process must be accelerated to meet these obligations as soon as possible.

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.

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