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UNDER AGENDA ITEM 7**

Madam Chairperson,

My delegation wishes first to thank the distinguished members of the Validation Group as well as the Technical Secretariat for the preparation of the list of new validated data proposed for inclusion in the OPCW central analytical database (OCAD).

In accordance with the parenthetical sentences of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article II of the Convention that state:

“For the purposes of implementing this Convention, toxic chemicals and precursors which have been identified for the application of verification measures are listed in Schedules contained in the Annex on Chemicals”

My delegation is not able to agree with inclusion of data for the derivatives that are not scheduled chemicals in the database which is going to be used for routine industry inspections.

In this line, we are not able to go along with document EC-84/DG.13 (dated 1 February 2017) mentioned in Agenda Item 7 of the Annotated Provisional Agenda and therefore, we are not in a position to agree with the related draft decision on the inclusion (EC-84/DEC/CRP.3, dated 1 February 2017) which proposes inclusion in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (OCAD) of data on derivatives that are non-scheduled chemicals.

However, as we have emphasised in previous sessions of the Executive Council, the Islamic Republic of Iran is ready to consider, through an appropriate arrangement and on a case by case basis, the inclusion of non-scheduled derivatives into the database to be used only by laboratories.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

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