

**Statement of the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran
on subitem 8(c) in CSP 23**

Mr. Chairman,

We noted the report on the destruction of its chemical weapons stockpiles.

As we have stated before, in deed it was the memory of the victims of horrific chemical attacks in Iran and in Halebche of Iraq that inspired the conclusion of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) in 1992. As a result of the implementation of the Convention almost 96 percent of all declared chemical weapon stockpiles have been destroyed. We would like to appreciate those states parties that completed destruction of their stockpiles on time. By that, the United States remains the only possessor State Party that has not yet completed the destruction of its chemical weapons stockpile, while in view of international experts it has all of the necessary financial and technical capacities to do so. We urge it to take every necessary step to comply with its obligations under the Convention without delay.