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**ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN  
AT THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES  
PARTIES UNDER AGENDA ITEM 8(C)**

Mr Chairman,

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

As we have stated before, it was, in fact, the memory of the victims of horrific chemical attacks in Iran and in Halabja, Iraq that inspired the conclusion of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) in 1992. As a result of the implementation of the Convention, almost 96% 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; yet in the view of international experts, it has all 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.

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