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**STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN  
ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT  
AT THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE  
OF THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW THE OPERATION  
OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

Mr Chairperson,

Effective and peaceful use of scientific and technological advancement in chemistry has enormous impact on the betterment of the life of the people, as well as the development of the States Parties. However, the impact of such advancement on the Convention shall not be without due and thorough considerations and should be in line with the goals enshrined in the Convention. The States Parties in possession of modern science and technology should play a more liable role in promotion and transfer of science and technology in the field of chemistry to the other States Parties for peaceful purposes.

Scientific and technological developments may have both positive and negative impact on the implementation of the Convention. As the result of science and technology development, a few issues have been raised in the OPCW such as convergence of chemistry and biology, utilisation of new technologies and equipment and using new technologies for enhancing verification activities that are a matter of concern for some States Parties. Some of these issues-such as the convergence of chemistry and biology-could impose an unnecessary financial burden upon all States Parties and increase the number of declarations, inspections and costs. The OPCW should also be cautious in dealing with the issues that are basically considered to be the obligations of the other international instruments and conventions, such as the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), which have their own policy making organs.

I thank you Mr Chairman.

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