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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN  
ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT  
NETWORK FOR VICTIMS OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS (SUBITEM 9E)  
AT THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION  
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

Mr Chairperson,

I take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Director-General for his report on the status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons. Due to the fact that there are around 70,000 victims of chemical weapons in my country who are now under cruel, unilateral sanctions and in urgent need of specific medications and treatment, my delegation attaches great importance to this Network.

Thanks to its humanitarian nature, the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons is of high significance. The States Parties and the Technical Secretariat are encouraged to practically and substantially take the necessary actions to ensure that this humanitarian obligation is rightly met. I remind the distinguished delegates that all activities undertaken within the context of this Network are financed solely from voluntary contributions through the relevant trust fund. Unfortunately, at present, the support extended to this Network does not correspond to its long term goals, and it is necessary to consider the possibility of the direct allocation of resources to this Network through the regular budget. Furthermore, my delegation asks the States Parties that are in a position to do so to actively support the Network through other possible ways, such as facilitating and providing the victims of chemical weapons with medical materials and equipment-related assistance.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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