

**POSITION PAPER**  
**BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE OPCW**  
**AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES ON:**

**UNITED STATES UNILATERAL ACTIONS AND UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS,**  
**ITS IMPACT ON THE RIGHTS OF THE STATES PARTIES AND THE OPCW'S CREDIBILITY**

This paper is intended to provide clarifications on the unsubstantiated allegations of the United States in its national statement at the Twenty-Fifth Session of the CSP. In the last two decades, the United States has constantly abused this platform to pursue its shortsighted political interest. These allegations as made against Member States of the OPCW has questioned the authority of the Organization as well as jeopardized the integrity of the Convention.

The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) as the unique multilateral disarmament instrument with the verification regime after many years of painstaking negotiations established viable procedure and mechanisms under the OPCW in order to verify the implementation of the Convention and ensure compliance of States Parties with their obligations under this important instrument.

The States Parties are undertaken in accordance with Article IX of the Convention to consult directly among themselves, or through the Organization or other appropriate international procedures, including procedures within the framework of the United Nations and in accordance with its Charter, on any matter which may be raised relating to the object and purpose, or the implementation of the provisions of the Convention. This Article requires further that the States Parties “to resolve, through exchange of information and consultation among themselves, any matters which may cause doubt about compliance, or which gives rise to concerns about a related matter which may be considered ambiguous”.

In this context, the OPCW has been established as the competent authority to verify the compliance of the States Parties with their obligations under provisions of the Convention. This principle as recognized by the international community and reiterated many times by the head of the Technical Secretariat, namely its Director-General, is aimed to strengthen the authority of the OPCW so that the States Parties to refrain from any unsubstantiated allegations against other States

Parties which would seriously jeopardize the integrity of the CWC and credibility of the OPCW.

Against this background, it is a matter of regret that the United States in clear abrogation of its commitment under the Convention has made unsubstantiated allegations against other States Parties including the Islamic Republic of Iran, questioning the authority of the OPCW as well as commitments of its members under provisions of the Convention.

Triple C mechanism under Article IX has worked out in the past, as we had the chance to clarify some of the ambiguities raised by the United States. However, no response so far provided by this State with regard to the inquiry made by Iran on the US undertakings under relevant provisions of the Convention.

The unilateral action by the United States against other States Parties as transpired under various pretexts including in particular within its “Annual Compliance Report” is nothing more than baseless and unsubstantiated allegations against others to serve narrow political interest. While the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects all these blind accusations by the United States, would like to make the followings points:

1. During the 8-year imposed war by Saddam’s regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States as a permanent member of the UN Security Council turned a blind eye to the extensive and brutal use of chemical weapons against Iranian civilians, and by so doing, shouldered responsibility for tens of thousands of Iranians who continue to suffer and perish as a result of chemical weapons use. The components of those chemical weapons came from the US. The United States is the country who aided and abetted Saddam's regime in violating the 1925 Geneva Protocol and using chemical weapons against the Islamic Republic of Iran.
2. It should be reminded that the United States is the only Possessor State Party that has not yet completed the destruction of its chemical weapons stockpile, while it has all of the necessary financial and technical capacities to do so. The lofty goal a world free from chemical weapons for many years has yet to be realized due the lack of political will by the US.

3. It is very unfortunate this State Party absurdly talks about compliance, while not only has not met the final deadline for the destruction of its chemical weapons arsenals by 29 April 2012, but also after nearly a decade, it is the only possessor State Party who has a huge stockpile of chemical weapons as documented by the Technical Secretariat.
4. Iran has strictly observed all its obligations under various provision of the Convention including through a close cooperation with TS. To this end, it should be noted that the Islamic Republic of Iran's compliance with its obligations under the CWC has been verified by the OPCW's inspection teams. Furthermore, Iran's exemplary cooperation with Technical Secretariat constantly reaffirmed in various reports of the OPCW.
5. As reaffirmed by various Review Conferences, national implementation measures plays essential role in realization of the object and purpose of the Convention. To this end, Iran has already taken a number of measures to implement its commitment under Article VII. In this regard, it should be noted that according to various relevant reports of the OPCW on the implementation of Article VII, Iran has fulfilled all its obligations under this Article.
6. In line with the provision of the Convention, Iran has fulfilled its obligation and completely declared its RCAs to the OPCW.
7. The Islamic Republic of Iran as the main victim of chemical weapons in the contemporary era will spare no effort to work with the international community in strengthening the Convention in its entirety towards a world free of chemical weapons and peaceful use of chemistry for the prosperity of humankind.

In conclusion, it should be emphasized once more that the credibility of the OPCW shall not be compromised in the light of unilateral actions by a certain State. To this end, States Parties should work together to explore ways and means to ensure that the OPCW would continue to be the competent authority to verify the compliance of States Parties; and the rights of the States Parties under this instrument would be secured all times.

The delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran requests this statement to be distributed as an official document of CSP-25 and posted in the external server of the OPCW.

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