

**Statement by H.E. Ambassador Alireza Kazemi Abadi of the
Islamic Republic of Iran on Agenda Item 6 (c) entitled
“Elimination of the Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme” at
the 97th Session of the Executive Council**

Mr Chairperson,

The Syrian Arab Republic joined the CWC in 2013 and immediately thereafter started constructive cooperation with the Technical Secretariat. It destroyed all its 27 chemical weapons production facilities in an unprecedented manner while its territory was in a state of turmoil and conflict.

It is commendable that the Syrian Arab Republic despite all the false allegations and accusations and adoption of politicized decisions in the OPCW is still fully cooperating with the Technical Secretariat. It should also be noted that while the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic is making every effort to have an effective cooperation with the Technical Secretariat, the terrorist groups in Syria continue their attacks against unarmed civilians to make the security situation extremely dangerous. We believe that the continuation of cooperation between the Syrian Arab Republic and the Technical Secretariat will solve the outstanding issues.

Thank You