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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR ALIREZA KAZEMI ABADI
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO
THE OPCW AT THE 100TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
IN EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF REPLY TO THE STATEMENT OF CANADA**

Mr Chairperson,

The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the fabricated and baseless claim of Canada, in its national statement to the 100th Session of the Executive Council, on the obfuscation of the truth regarding the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) by the Syrian Arab Republic.

It is a well-known fact that Iran, as a prime victim of chemical weapons, actively participated in the negotiations leading to the conclusion of the Convention, was an early member of the Organisation and since then, has constantly supported unconditional, full, and indiscriminate implementation of the Convention by each and every State Party.

Unfortunately, in recent years, some countries have shown tendencies to take any possible opportunity to misuse the Organisation as a platform for perusing their political purposes. Making groundless accusations, like the one that Canada has blatantly made in its national statement, which has no value but to further politicise the Organisation and undermine its technical nature. Thank you.

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