

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR ALIREZA KAZEMI ABADI PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE OPCW AT
THE 102nd 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 absurd claim of Canada in its national statement to the 102nd Session of the Executive Council, claiming obfuscation of the truth and protects the perpetrators from accountability by Iran.

Iran, as the main victim of the chemical weapons in contemporary era, categorically condemns the use of chemical weapons, by anyone, anywhere and under any circumstances. It also supports the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of the Convention and the Organization's well-defined mandate to achieve the noble goal of a world free of chemical weapons.

Iran's comments and views on the work of the organization have always been of technical nature, but unfortunately in recent years, some countries, including Canada, have shown tendencies to take any possible opportunity to misuse the Organization as a platform for perusing their political purposes. Undoubtedly, continuing the stubborn policy of making groundless accusations and one-sided judgments, like the one that Canada has blatantly made in its national statement, has no value but to further politicize the Organization and undermine its technical nature.

Thank you.