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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO
THE OPCW AT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF
THE STATES PARTIES UNDER AGENDA ITEM 9(C)**

Mr Chairperson,

The destruction of all chemical weapons is the most important commitment of the States Parties to the Convention and constitutes the top priority for the OPCW. In this regard, the States Parties are committed to act with a view to achieving effective progress towards general and complete destruction of all types of such heinous weapons, under the watchful eye of the OPCW's verification regime. However, despite several extensions of the destruction deadline, and after 25 years of the implementation of the Convention, this obligation has not been fulfilled yet.

My delegation notes that here and in some previous occasions it was mentioned that the world might finally achieve this high goal in 2023, as the sole possessor State Party would destruct its remaining declared chemical weapons stockpiles.

In light of the fact that chemical weapons have proven to be a scourge on humanity, the sole possessor State Party shall comply with its obligations under the Convention and the relevant decisions of the policy-making organs and accelerate its efforts by making use of all relevant technologies and methods to complete the destruction of its chemical weapons stockpiles in the shortest possible time or at most in the time which it pledged to do so.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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