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ROR to the Fifth Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention

H. E. Ambassador Modi Ephraim

Mr. Chairperson,

Mr. Director-General,

I wish to respond to the Palestinian statement made yesterday, which mentioned my country.

Israel regrets the exploitation of this forum by that speaker in order to promote political agendas. We see the Palestinian statement as a clear abuse of the Convention and a futile attempt to distract from other critical items on the agenda. Israel appreciates the professional nature of the Review Conference and will continue to seek constructive dialogue in this forum.

I kindly request that this statement be designated as an official document of the Review Conference and be posted on the OPCW external server and the public website.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.