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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR A.V. SHULGIN  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE  
OPCW AT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE  
STATES PARTIES  
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 9(C)**

We take note of the regular report by the United States on the progress achieved in the destruction of its remaining declared chemical weapons stockpile since 29 April 2012.

We would once again draw attention to the fact that a quarter of a century has passed since the entry-into-force of the Chemical Weapons Convention. However, one of the main objectives of the Convention has yet to be achieved: the complete destruction of chemical weapons. Today, the United States remains the only State Party in possession of a chemical stockpile, and in spite of having the financial, material, human, and technological resources, it is in no hurry to carry its primary obligation under the Convention. In our opinion, the United States can and should make more of an effort to destroy its declared chemical weapons stockpile.

We call upon the United States to consider its abilities in terms of the elimination of its declared chemical weapons stockpile, accelerate it, and, following our example, complete this task before the deadline and in strict compliance with the provisions of the Convention.

I request that this statement be circulated as an official document of the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference of the States Parties and published on the Catalyst platform and the OPCW's website.

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