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SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR MILAD ATIEH
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE
OPCW AT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE STATES PARTIES IN EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF REPLY
TO THE ISRAELI STATEMENT UNDER AGENDA ITEM 8**

The statement of the representative of the Israeli Zionist entity did not come as a surprise, as this entity has been accustomed, since its establishment, to practicing all forms of disinformation, lying and slander. It is not strange for a land occupier who displaced and killed a people, and still does, and who practiced all forms of racism and tyranny against all Occupied Palestine's neighbouring Arab countries, to act before this Conference of the States Parties as a mass murderer pleading and giving lessons in justice and morality. We remind the representative of this usurping entity that the occupied Syrian Golan was not spared from its serious crimes, which included turning some lands in this occupied part of Syria into a nuclear waste dumping site. In exercise of the right of reply to the statement of the representative of this entity, we make the following observations:

1. All the conferences and meetings taking place in Vienna, New York and The Hague, including the Tenth Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, reveal the extent of disregard shown by Israel and its supporters for all international conventions, treaties and resolutions and what emanated from them, as well as the initiatives calling on Israel to join the conventions on disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. The United States of America and Western States have provided Israel with significant protection, making it the sole possessor and developer of all types of weapons of mass destruction, including chemical weapons, and leading it to refuse subjecting its nuclear facilities to international monitoring. Therefore, we can say with absolute certainty that the Zionist entity is the main source of threat to peace and security in the Middle East and the world.
2. Syria has repeatedly expressed its keenness to establish a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, but Israel and its supporters have been obstructing these initiatives and endeavours.
3. The representative of that entity has repeated the same terminology, language, and false accusations contained in the statements of the United States of America and Western States, and this should not come as a surprise at all.
4. My country's delegation affirms that the representative of the usurping Israeli entity should be the last to speak before this forum. This entity has supported terrorist groups in my country, Syria, and has provided them with all kinds of support and backing. It



is still playing this role through repeated aggressions on the territories of my country. Everyone knows how this entity facilitated the departure, or rather the escape, of around 250 members of the White Helmets terrorist group from southern Syria, for fear that they would fall into the hands of the Syrian Forces, which were at the time carrying out military operations to expel terrorists from southern Syria. Israel secured the departure of those terrorists to other countries that you all know.

5. This entity is constantly carrying out aggression after aggression against my country Syria under false pretexts, in violation of the principles and rules of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and unfortunately with the cover and support of the United States of America and Western States. You all remember how Israeli planes, as acknowledged by the officials of this entity, bombed a site related to the Syrian chemical dossier and well known to the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation and to you.

I thank you and I request that this statement be considered an official document of the Conference and posted on the OPCW's public website and on Catalyst.

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