

**Right of reply**  
**to the U.S. Unsubstantiated Allegation**  
**Against**  
**The I. R. Iran**

**Mr. Chairperson,**

**Distinguished Delegations,**

In exercising my delegation's right of reply to the unfounded allegations made by U.S, while categorically rejecting all baseless and unsubstantiated allegations of the United States against Iran, I would like to bring the followings to the attention of the Executive Council:

- It should be noted that any matter regarding the compliance of the States Parties with their obligations under the Convention shall be addressed through the relevant provisions of the Convention including Article IX. The OPCW is the sole competent authority to deal with the verification and compliance issues. It is a grave concern that the United States in contradiction with the Convention has raised accusations of non-compliance of The I.R. of Iran and other States Parties with the Convention. This would certainly undermine the credibility and integrity of the OPCW.
  
- Concerning the baseless allegation on maintaining CW program, it should be reminded that Iran has destroyed all its CWPFs under the supervision of the OPCW inspectors in accordance with the Convention. Regrettably, it was the United States that after several extension, is the last possessor State Party who completed the destruction of its chemical weapons stockpile after 26 years of the entry into force of the Convention.

- Also, the US has not withdrawn its reservation on the 1925 Geneva Protocol where it still reserves its rights to use chemical weapons contrary to its obligations under the Convention.
- The Israeli regime, as the United States ally has not ratified the CWC yet. There are substantive evidences that the Israeli regime holds the chemical weapons and pursues to advance its CWs program.
- During the 8-year imposed war by Saddam's regime on Iran, the United States as a permanent member of the UN Security Council turned a blind eye to the extensive and brutal use of chemical weapons against Iran, in particular civilians. The U.S. provided technical, financial, material and diplomatic supports to the chemical weapons program of Saddam Hussein regime. Thus, the US must be held accountable for complicity of such war crimes.
- During the entire 8 years imposed war on Iran, a wide range of chemical agents have been massively used against Iranian army in the battlefield and civilians in the residential areas. Despite the scientific capabilities to develop and use of chemical weapons, and in the absence of a legally binding instrument banning the use of chemical weapons, due to the moral and religious principles, Iran refrain from using chemical weapons in retaliation to the horrific chemical attacks by Iraq. Hence, the claim by the United States that Iran using pharmaceutical-based agents seems a joke and no more than an irrational justification on imposing sanctions on pharmaceutical items needed for the treatment of Iranian Chemical Weapons' victims.

- Iran's pharmaceutical industries are under the verification regime of the Convention and accordingly, Iran's National Authority regularly submits the required declarations and receives the OPCW inspections.
  
- It should be emphasized that for decades, the Islamic Republic of Iran as the major victim of terrorism, has been at the forefront of the fight against terrorism, particularly against ISIS and other UN-designated terrorist groups. As the former U.S. President explicitly announced, the United States was the founder of the ISIS; a terrorist groups which based on the conclusion of the Fact Finding Mission's report has repeatedly used chemical weapons in Syria. Therefore, who is sponsoring international terrorism, Iran who fought and defeated terrorism in Iraq and Syria or the United State, the one who created and supported them!?
  
- Regarding the baseless claim made by the US, it should be underlined that the Revolutionary Guard has no official Telegram Channel and this types of claims is also fabricated.
  
- The Islamic Republic of Iran as the main victim of chemical weapons in contemporary era reaffirms its unwavering commitments to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestation and will spare no effort to work with the international community through the OPCW towards a world free from chemical weapons.

I request that this statement be posted as an official document of this session on the OPCW catalyst and public website.

**Thank you.**