

**Statement by H E Mr René Miko, Permanent Representative  
of the Czech Republic to the OPCW**

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Mr. Chairperson, Mr. Director-General, distinguished delegates,

Czechia fully aligns itself with the statement of the European Union and would like to make a few remarks in its national capacity.

OPCW is a technical organization with a clear mandate to oversee elimination of chemical weapons, their use and any development, production, stockpiling, retention, transfer as well as any engagement in military preparation to their use.

To our knowledge, Israel did not strike any facility **declared by Iran under the Chemical Weapons Convention**. Nor were we informed by the distinguished representative of Iran about any chemical contamination or civilian casualties that resulted from the strike. The declared site under the OPCW regime was not damaged, nor any chemical weapon was used during the strike. While Czechia considers chemical safety very important, in this case it seems that the current issue is outside of the scope of the Convention. We believe that the Executive Council should solely focus on issues pertaining to its mandate stemming from the Convention.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.