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Mr. Chairperson,

Director General,

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as Chair of the Executive Council and express of my delegation's full support in the fulfillment of your important responsibilities. I would also wish to thank the Director-General for his comprehensive and informative report, as well as the dedicated staff of the Technical Secretariat for their continued efforts in organizing and facilitating this session.

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by Uganda, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China.

Mr. Chairperson,

We convene the 109th session of the Executive Council while the world continues to witness the ongoing genocide committed by Israel against the Palestinian people

in the occupied territories. This regime, notorious for its atrocities against women and children, persists in its crimes under the silence of the international community and with the backing of so-called allies and advocates of human rights. It remains resolute in its efforts to crush the aspirations of the oppressed people of Gaza for an independent Palestinian state on their ancestral lands—through relentless violence, displacement, and starvation. My delegation underscores the urgent need for the international community to uphold its responsibilities and to act decisively in ending this injustice.

Due to the inaction of the international community regarding these crimes, the Israeli regime expanded its aggressive actions beyond Palestine, Syria, and Lebanon, and on June 13, 2025 launched an unprovoked and premeditated act of aggression and terrorism against the Islamic Republic of Iran. In its insults, the regime targeted residential neighborhoods, civil infrastructure, hospitals, factories, nuclear facilities, as well as chemical and petrochemical industries. More than one thousand civilians have lost their lives, and over five thousand have been injured. They are not numbers, but human beings, each with a unique story, a deep love for life, remarkable achievements, and great aspirations. They have families, relatives, and friends, who are struck with fear and grief.

Mr. Chairperson,

The accession of the United States to the aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran clearly demonstrates that it was premeditated and initiated with U.S. support, even as diplomatic negotiations were ongoing. This devious scheme was a betrayal to diplomacy and a severe blow to the international law.

The Israeli regime has also targeted an industrial Complex which is particularly alarming since the Quality Control and Synthesis laboratory (QCSL), which is a Schedule 1 facility under the verification of OPCW, is located in the immediate

vicinity of the Complex and may have been a target of the attacks. Any release of chemicals could have led to a disaster across a vast area.

I would like to further note that the South Pars gas field, Shahr-e-Rey refinery, Najafabad refinery, and Fajr-e-Jam refinery were other targets of the Israeli attacks, which placed densely populated areas at significant risk of exposure to chemicals.

The Israeli regime has not acceded to any WMD disarmament and non-proliferation treaty, including the CWC. It is the sole possessor of WMDs in the region and the only obstacle to establishing a WMD-free zone in the Middle East. The regime's recent barbaric war crimes once again remind us of the threats posed by its WMD arsenal and the corresponding obligation of the international community.

States Parties to the CWC shall accordingly intensify their efforts to promote the universalization of the Convention. The Israeli regime must be reminded that the international ban on the use of chemical weapons leaves no justification for maintaining such weapons and their production facilities. It is an immense threat to the international peace and security, particularly in the hands of a genocidal regime.

I would kindly request that this statement be considered an official document of this session and published on the OPCW's external server and website.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.