

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

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Mr. Chairperson,

At the outset, I would like to express my appreciation to you, Mr. Chair, the Director-General, and the dedicated staff of the Technical Secretariat for the effective organization and preparation of this session.

For nearly two years, the world has witnessed unprecedented crimes and grave violations of international law committed by the Israeli regime. Since October 2023, innocent civilians in Gaza have endured a brutal and inhumane aggression that has claimed the lives of over 60,000 people.

The impunity, along with sustained military and political supports, has emboldened the Israeli regime to expand its aggression toward other nations in the region, including Lebanon, Iran and Syria

It is a flagrant affront to the international law and common sense that a regime which is not a party to the NPT and the CWC attacks the nuclear and chemical facilities of states in the region.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Israeli regime, in the midst of the Iran nuclear talks, destroyed the ongoing diplomatic negotiations by attacking Iran's peaceful nuclear and chemical facilities, as well as industrial infrastructures and residential areas, killing and wounding more than six thousand Iranian civilians, including women and children. Now that the OPCW is engaging with the Syrian transitional government to resolve the country's dossier, it is once again seeking to destroy the Organization's efforts by attacking Syria.

The continued inaction of the international community in response to such egregious violations undermines the rule of law and allows further atrocities. The international

organisations bear a particular responsibility to uphold the principles and norms of the international law.

The Islamic Republic of Iran strongly condemns all violations of international law in particular the violation of sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria and other countries in the region by the Israeli regime and urges all states committed to international peace and security to unite their efforts and to put an end to the Israeli violations and crimes.

I would kindly ask you to consider this statement as an official document of this session and publish it on the external server and the website of the OPCW.

I thank you Mr. Chairperson.