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Mr. Chairperson, Director General,

Over the past two decades Iran has been developing a chemical weapons program based on weaponized pharmaceutical agents (PBAs). These agents, primarily anesthetics, affect the central nervous system (CNS), and can be lethal even in small doses.

Iran's weaponization of PBAs is no longer just a matter of research and development. Beyond its R&D program, Iran now appears to have produced fentanyl-based munitions and other types of weaponized PBAs. These substances have been incorporated in grenades and mortars, and can be used for multiple purposes, including kidnapping plots.

We have grounds to believe that these munitions have been transferred to partners and proxy groups across the region. Intelligence asserts, based on reports and pictures, that these weapons may have already been used in several cases in Iraq and Syria.

Everyone should be aware of the rising chemical threat coming from Iran, a country that cynically continues to call for state responsibility in the CW arena, all while secretly developing a program that violates its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention. Several countries have expressed their acknowledgment of and concern with the Iranian chemical weapons program at previous multilateral forums.

The Shahid Meisami Group works under The Ministry of Defense and Armed Forces Logistics of Iran, and specifically under SPND (SPND is the contemporary continuation of the covert 'AMAD' nuclear weapons development program). The complex included laboratories, production halls and refinery lines.

The group, operating out of the Shahid Meisami Research Complex, has been working on developing and producing various forms of unconventional arms and munitions – both nuclear and chemical. Alongside conducting chemical research and development, the group has weaponized and produced fentanyl-based tactical munitions intended to arm Iranian forces and Iranian proxies across the Middle East, including for use against Israeli and other forces.

The group has been sanctioned, and its personnel designated by the United States for their involvement in the Iranian chemical weapons program .

When Israel launched Operation Rising Lion on June 13, the goal was to eliminate all imminent and strategic threats on our country and our people. Iran's Supreme Leader, as well as other Iranian officials, have continually and openly called for the destruction of the State of Israel.

Iran had an operational plan in the works – The Plan for the Annihilation of Israel. To pursue this vision, the regime built up its conventional military capabilities, armed and directed terrorist organizations and proxies and improved its unconventional capabilities – both nuclear and chemical.

The successful strike on SPND's Shahid Meisami Research Complex was targeted and precise, meticulously calculated to ensure avoidance of possible environmental damage. The complex was successfully rendered unusable.

While Israel has acted throughout the entire operation with the utmost care and precision, striking Iranian security and military targets, Iran has deliberately targeted the Israeli civilian population, causing death, injury, and the destruction of neighborhoods, hospitals and places of worship, including a mosque.

Iran continues to hide behind claims that all its unconventional programs are meant for peaceful purposes. We cannot allow them to frame their malicious intent under the guise of adherence to international conventions.

It is ironic that Iran, as a member of the OPCW's EC as well as being a Vice Chair, should abuse the procedures and resources of the organization to push hypothetical claims that hide the true nature of their non-compliance with the convention. The CWC is yet another convention that is an empty promise for Iran – a country that consistently signs treaties only to deliberately violate them.

We would like to request that this statement be designated as an official document of this meeting and be posted on both Catalyst and the public website.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.