



***The Permanent Representation of Italy to the
Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons***

ITALY

**STATEMENT BY THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HE AUGUSTO MASSARI
AT THE 67th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Thank you Mr Chair, my congratulations on your election as chair of the Executive Council. I would also like to thank the Director General for his update.

Italy align itself with the EU statement delivered by the danish Ambassador.

Italy is following with close attention and concern the developments in the Middle East, including the latest events on Iranian territory.

Italy reaffirms its resolute commitment to full compliance with the Chemical Weapons Convention, the United Nations Charter and international law, which are the pillars of the rules-based multilateral order. Any action that could undermine these fundamental principles must be carefully assessed and transparently clarified within the competent international fora.

We strongly support the role of the OPCW as the guarantor of a world free of chemical weapons and its non-proliferation in any context, anytime and under any circumstances.

At the same time, it is necessary that all parties involved act with a sense of responsibility and restraint, avoiding further escalation, and that dialogue and diplomacy remain the central means of addressing tensions of this nature.

Italy renews its call for the highest level of transparency, technical cooperation and adherence to the Convention. At this delicate stage, it is essential that the OPCW remains an impartial forum, serving collective security and therefore peace.

In conclusion, we wish to reaffirm our commitment to a stable and secure Middle East, free from weapons of mass destruction, and to an international system based on law, shared responsibility and constructive cooperation.

Thank you, Mr Chair.