



Permanent Representation
of Ukraine to the OPCW

English only

**Statement by the delegation of Ukraine exercising right of reply under Agenda item 8
Countering chemical terrorism**

Mr. Chairperson,

Responding to the statement by the Russian delegation, I would like to emphasize the following. Ukraine completely rejects and refutes the unfounded, baseless, and false claims made by the Russian delegation about alleged terrorist activities by Ukraine. These fake narratives, which Russia continuously propagates, serve only to justify its ongoing armed aggression against Ukraine and to divert international attention from the war crimes committed by the Russian Federation on Ukrainian territory.

I would like to remind everyone that it is the Russian leadership that is under an international arrest warrant, as the International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for war crimes, including for the deportation of Ukrainian children.

I kindly request that this statement be considered an official document of the 109th Session of the Executive Council and posted on the OPCW's external server and public website.

Thank you for your attention.