

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
IRAN AT THE 30th SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES
PARTIES IN EXERCISE OF RIGHT OF REPLY TO THE STATEMENT
BY THE ISRAELI REGIME AND THE US DELEGATION,
AGENDA ITEM 8,**

Mr. Chairperson,

The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the fabricated and absurd accusations made by the delegation of the US and the Israeli regime in their statement to the 30th Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Unfortunately, in recent years, the Israeli regime has used any possible opportunity to misuse the Organization as a platform for pursuing its political purposes. Undoubtedly, continuing the stubborn policy of making groundless accusations and one-sided judgements, like the one that the Israeli regime has blatantly made in its statement, has no value but to further politicizing the Organization and undermine its technical nature.

The child-killing regime of Israel, which possesses chemical weapons, has no place to comment on a State Party that is the major victim of chemical weapons. It is imperative to hold this barbaric and brutal regime accountable for its crimes committed over the past 70 years, particularly after 7 October 2023. Projecting and accusing States Parties will not assist this sinister entity and the cause of West Asian instability.

The Israeli regime has acceded to no disarmament treaty, including CWC, and remains the only obstacle to the establishment of the Middle East WMD-free zone.

Mr. Chairperson,

I.R. Iran has adhered to the CWC from the very beginning and its chemical activities and facilities have been under the verification regime of the Convention and the peacefulness of their activities has been confirmed by the Technical Secretariat in hundreds of inspections which have been carried out.

It is noteworthy that the unfounded accusations concerning the alleged development of PBA capabilities by Iran have long been repeated narratives of the United States and the Israeli regime. They seem to believe that exerting political pressure on Iran constitutes progress, while we view such attempts as a waste of time, energy, and the valuable resources of this Organization. It is evident that the smear campaign persists because it serves specific politically motivated agendas and interests, and therefore, it is unlikely to come to an end anytime soon.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has, on numerous occasions through formal channels, raised its concerns regarding instances of non-compliance or delays in fulfilling obligations by the United States. The United States is continuing to develop non-lethal weapons and, according to its official sources, is implementing various projects to weaponize psychoactive substances and synthetic opioid-based agents.

I request that this statement be considered as an official document of this session and posted on the OPCW Catalyst and public website.

Thank you.