

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
IRAN AT THE 111th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
UNDER AGENDA ITEM _6(F)**

Chair,

My delegation reaffirms its unwavering commitment to condemn the use of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere, and under any circumstances. At the same time, we must strictly follow the provisions of the Convention. Therefore, it is essential that States Parties refrain from any actions that undermine the credibility of the Organization.

We sincerely hope that geopolitical developments and political tensions will not adversely affect the technical and professional nature and function of the Organization. The integrity and effectiveness of the Organization must remain insulated from any political pressure.

The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) provides a clear and comprehensive framework for addressing any concerns or ambiguities that may arise. In particular, Article IX of the Convention stands as one of its most detailed, pragmatic, and well-designed provisions, emphasizing consultation and cooperation among States Parties as the primary pathway for resolving ambiguities between two or more States Parties.

With regard to allegations of the use of chemical weapons, differing narratives have been presented. The role of the Technical Secretariat is of critical importance and the TS should take concrete steps consistent with its mandate.

It is expected that the Technical Secretariat will continue to discharge its responsibilities in a professional, impartial, and technically sound manner, strictly guided by the provisions of the Convention.

Finally, 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,