



STATEMENT AS PREPARED

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 6 (f) ADDRESSING THE THREAT FROM CHEMICAL WEAPONS USE (SUDAN) TO THE 111TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Nearly a year has passed since the United States determined that chemical weapons were used in Sudan in 2024, in violation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. We imposed sanctions and have engaged consistently with Sudanese officials since that time.

We ask for Sudanese officials to address this matter with urgency and urge them to take steps to work constructively with the OPCW to address this violation. What we are asking is straightforward: declare any production facilities and chemical munitions, and work with the OPCW to enable verification and destruction in accordance with its obligations under the Convention.

The risk of further chemical weapons use remains a concern, as does the broader violence affecting Sudan's civilian population.

The United States is prepared to support Sudan in this process. The Convention's integrity depends on our collective commitment to upholding its obligations, and Sudan must take the first steps in this direction.

We will also have to revisit our approach to Sudan's seat on the EC should this matter not be resolved swiftly and satisfactorily.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.