Ladies and gentlemen

I would like to thank every single one whom involved in arranging such conference where we can spread our thoughts and wishes about peace globally.

We’ve to work and try as much as we can or even more to extinct chemical weapons since it caused many massacres in the past and still continues. Me as witness that my hometown Halabja is a big victim of chemical weapons just because of being Kurd Saddam Hussains regime used chemical weapon against us and unfortunately we gave 5000 martyrs, 10,000 injures and the whole people of Halabja were at refugees camps in Iran. Still hundreds of injures are suffering from the effects of the chemical gases and they can’t be cured, sadly daily we can see them dying, and yearly tens of premature babies are born just because of the chemical gas effects on their parents.

Beside humans in that massacre animals, water sources, farms and all natural living sources were victims of this weapon, We’re still trying to rebuilt our city and give the minimum services to the survivors of 16\textsuperscript{th}. March. 1988.

As we all know that at the moment in Syria and some other countries of middle east chemical weapons have been used against civil people.
Also ISIS used it against Peshmarga forces in Kurdistan while at the same time the whole world is calling for peace and a peaceful world especially from peace and human rights organizations.

Now I ask how can we have a peaceful world? While the whole world is under the threatening of chemical and nuclear weapons and terror.

So we should work much harder than we’ve done before and officially this weapon must be extinct as well as the punishment to the companies that sell it with the countries that are using it against their population.

Now I want to call United Countries instead of United nations, I said united countries because Kurdish population is almost (40,000,000) forty million people but still we don’t have either Flag and delegate there.

Finally I wish all success to all the peace hard workers around the world and I hope that one day we will have a war, Chemical and nuclear weapons free world.

Thanks for your listening

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