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**Statement by Ambassador M. Homayoon AZIZI,  
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OPCW  
at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CSP, November-December 2017**

Mr. Chairman,  
Mr. Director-General,  
Distinguished delegations,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

1. It is my distinct pleasure to attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference of State Parties, and I would like to congratulate Your Excellency Ambassador Abdelouahab BELLOUKI from the Kingdom of Morocco, for your election as Chairperson of this 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference of States Parties, and we believe that in your leadership to direct with your tact, this conference will come to a successful conclusion, and to thank Dr. Christoph ISRANG from the Federal Republic of Germany, the 21<sup>st</sup> Session's Chairperson.
2. And further we express the appreciation of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for the Director-General, His Excellency Ahmet Üzümcü and the Technical Team for leading the efforts in the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. As we all know, for their extensive efforts in eliminating chemical weapons, the OPCW was awarded in 2013 Nobel Prize for Peace. However, the best reward for their efforts are concrete results.
3. We appreciate the OPCW's commitment to the principles, the inspiration and its encouragement of working together to achieve a world free of chemical weapons.
4. Weapons of mass destruction are among the most dangerous and most horrific human inventions, and humanity's best efforts are to compensate for the destruction of these deadly weapons. By working together, we can put an end and make the world free of these weapons to have a peaceful and secure world.



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5. the 21<sup>st</sup> century we live in involves, intricate international relations, with new threats and challenges shaped by climate change, displacement and migration, and most importantly, terrorism.
6. The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the state that I represent here, is -as the world knows- in the frontline of fight against international terrorism. Our people are the victims of international terrorism, which is not only a danger to Afghanistan, but for the whole world, so the solution cannot come from just a single country. It should be acknowledged, there is a strong need for regional and global cooperation against this global menace in all its forms and manifestations.

#### **Distinguished Delegations,**

7. Afghanistan has suffered destructive effects of the war against terrorism, and we have realized that at the end dialogue and cooperation are the best way to promote peace and stability.
8. Fortunately, today we have many partners who support us and stand with us to finish the terrorism which we are very grateful for their efforts. But unfortunately, still there are some states that support the terrorists in their favour, which is not acceptable by any means.
9. The Afghan government and people are worried about access of terrorists to the any type of chemicals, because of the availability of the chemicals with the non-state actor supporters.
10. The terrorists seek to create fear and dread, they do not distinguish between the methods and weapons that they can achieve their goals with. If they burn schools, poison school students, use roadside mines, or carry out suicide operations in the streets, mosques, and hospitals. Their access to the any category of chemical and use it as a weapons would be a tragedy and shame to the whole humanity.
11. We believe that the OPCW has done lots of efforts in the past, but we are calling for more serious attention to put more pressure on supporters of terrorism to eliminate this concern.



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12. At the end, I would like to reiterate Afghanistan's readiness to cooperate with all other State Parties to address all challenges we face to eliminate chemical weapons and toxic chemicals.

13. We hope that we will reach a peaceful world without chemical weapons and ensure that no one will have the chance to hurt humanity with this conflagration phenomenon.

Thank you