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Permanent Representation  
of Ukraine to the OPCW

**Statement by the delegation of Ukraine exercising right of reply under Agenda  
item 8 General debate**

Mr. Chairperson,  
Distinguished delegates,

I take the floor to exercise my delegation's right of reply to yet another unfounded and politically motivated statement by the Russian Federation.

Ukraine strongly rejects the allegations voiced by the Russian Federation. They are baseless, lack any factual or legal foundation, and form part of Russia's broader disinformation campaign aimed at justifying its aggression against Ukraine and distracting from its own violations of international law, including the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

**Regarding sovereignty of Ukraine.**

Ukraine is a sovereign, independent, democratic, rule-of-law state. Under our Constitution, Ukraine's sovereignty extends over its entire territory. Our territorial integrity within internationally recognised borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and parts of the Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, has been reaffirmed by the UN General Assembly.

**On allegations about possible violations of the CWC by Ukraine.**

Ukraine strictly complies with its obligations under the CWC. We do not possess, have never developed and do not use chemical

weapons, nor do we use riot control agents as a method of warfare. We maintain full transparency with the OPCW Technical Secretariat and stand ready to cooperate.

By contrast, the Russian Federation has failed to provide credible explanations regarding incidents involving hazardous chemicals on its territory and has repeatedly sought to undermine the OPCW's professional and impartial work, replacing engagement with unfounded accusations against others.

We call on all States Parties to firmly reject any attempts to misuse the OPCW mechanisms to advance unlawful territorial claims or whitewash aggression, and to continue supporting the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.