

**Right of reply of the Islamic Republic of Iran
to the U.S. baseless allegation- Agenda Item 12**

Mr Chairperson,

I am reluctantly taking the floor to put on record my country's position with regard to the absurdities made by the U.S. representative during this session. While categorically rejecting all baseless and unsubstantiated allegations of the United States against Iran, I would like to bring the following to the attention of this august body:

The undeniable reality is that the Islamic Republic of Iran remains the main victim of chemical weapons. From the inception of this organization, Iran has fully adhered to the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), with its compliance consistently verified through hundreds of reports by the Technical Secretariat's inspections, without any ambiguity or uncertainty. In contrast, the United States has delayed in fulfilling its obligations under the Convention, raising concerns about its commitment to the full and effective implementation of the CWC.

To address any ambiguities, the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) has established a clear and structured mechanism. The Islamic Republic of Iran and the US have exchanged questions and requests for clarification in accordance with this framework in the past. In the early stages, the U.S. raised several inquiries to which Iran provided comprehensive responses. Subsequently, Iran also sought clarifications regarding some ambiguities of the U.S. chemical activities. After more than two decades, those inquiries remain unanswered and unaddressed by the United States.

The US has persistently pursued a maligned approach toward Iran in the Organization. We reject any politically motivated claims based on short-sighted political agendas.

During the eight-year imposed war against Iran, chemical weapons were extensively used against Iranian forces and civilians. Throughout this period, the U.S. actively assisted to these atrocities by providing Saddam Hussein with technical, political, and financial support.

It should be emphasized that for decades, the Islamic Republic of Iran as the main victim of terrorism, has been at the forefront of the fight against terrorism, particularly against ISIS and other UN-designated terrorist groups. As the U.S. President explicitly announced, the United States was the founder of the ISIS; a terrorist group which based on the conclusion of the Fact-Finding Mission's report has repeatedly used chemical weapons.

I thank you.