

**Statement by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the
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Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation is of the view that the universality of the Convention is fundamental to achieving its object and purpose, particularly as concerns remain over the chemical weapons stockpiles of the few remaining non-parties. We therefore underscore the importance of fully implementing the Action Plan for Universality and support all necessary measures to compel non-parties to join the Convention.

To that end, it is crucial that the States Parties consider concrete measures, such as prohibiting the transfer of scheduled chemicals to non-parties. In this context, it is deeply regrettable, that the Israeli regime, which possesses Weapons of Mass Destruction, including chemical weapons; has not joined CWC and other disarmament and non-proliferation treaties; and has indicated no hesitation to commit genocide and other heinous crimes; continues to import Schedule chemicals from a few States Parties.

We urge all States Parties to cease trade with the Israeli regime, particularly of materials and equipment which may be used to develop chemical weapons and other WMDs. Those with influence, bear a particular responsibility to exert pressure to ensure that the regime join the Convention without further delay and without preconditions.

The Israeli regime must be reminded that the international prohibition on the use of chemical weapons leaves no justification for the retention of such weapons and their production facilities. It is an immense threat to international peace and security, particularly in the hands of a genocidal regime.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.