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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
TO THE OPCW AT THE SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6 (B)**

Mr Chairperson,

The Islamic Republic of Iran extends its appreciation to the delegation of the Russian Federation for its detailed report provided to the Executive Council on different aspects of its destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles activities and welcomes progress achieved in this regard.

While noting technical and financial difficulties explained by the Russian Federation delegation, as the biggest victim of usage of chemical weapons in contemporary decades, the Islamic Republic of Iran attaches great importance on elimination and destruction of all chemical weapons stockpiles in order to achieving a world free of chemical weapons; we firmly believe the continued existence of chemical weapons will endanger international peace and security and the nightmare of deployment of these inhuman and destructive weapons will loom large.

All victims of chemical weapons worldwide, including over 100,000 Iranian victims and their relatives were impatiently looking forward to 29 April 2012; the day which was supposed to be named and registered in the mankind history as the elimination day of the chemical weapons. But by the announcement of possessor States Parties that they cannot comply with their commitments and international obligations to meet the final extended deadline for destruction of their chemical weapons arsenals, this hope was turned to despair.

Mr Chairperson,

While we are disappointed for the delay on meeting the final extended deadline and destruction of chemical weapons of possessors States Parties, we insist that all possessor States Parties should spare no efforts to destroy all their chemical weapons stockpiles in the shortest time span.

Finally, I would like to request this statement to be treated as the official document of this Session of the Executive Council.

Thank you

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