

**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR SHUJJAT ALI RATHORE ON SALISBURY  
INCIDENT**

Mr. Chairperson

Earlier today, my delegation associated with the statement read by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Pakistan consider the use of chemical weapon in Salisbury an abhorrent act. Pakistan is firmly opposed to the use of chemical weapon by anyone anywhere for any reason. We believe that the use of the nerve agent at Salisbury should be thoroughly investigated under the provision and prescribed procedures of the convention.

We note with satisfaction that the UK has involved the Technical Secretariat in the investigations and appreciated the Russian offer to fully cooperate in the investigations bilaterally or through a multilateral forum. Pakistan wishes that these could be the initial steps towards finding a way forward. We urge the State Parties which are stake holders in this issue to cooperate with each other and the Secretariat in the investigation of the incident and to fix the responsibility of this abhorrent act supported by irrefutable evidence and to enable this Organization to come up with measures, through a consensus approach, to avoid any such incident in future.