

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
IRAN IN EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF REPLY TO THE U.S.
UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATION – AGENDA ITEM 5**

Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation categorically rejects baseless allegation made by the delegation of the United States in its national statement. Iran as the main victim of chemical weapons has adhered to the CWC from the very beginning and implemented its all obligations on time, while the US has failed to meet its obligations to destroy all chemical weapons and chemical weapon facilities according to the timeline envisaged by the Convention.

Iran's chemical activities and facilities have always been under the verification regime of the Convention and the peacefulness of their activities, has been confirmed by the TS in hundreds of inspections which have been carried out.

It is deeply regrettable that the United States is eroding the authority of the Organization and the credibility of the Convention for its short-sighted political interests by accusing other State Parties with a baseless and unsubstantiated allegations.

I request that this statement be considered as an official document of this session and posted on the OPCW catalyst and public website.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.