Explanation of Vote
Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran
at the 69th Session of the First Committee
New York, 3 November 2014

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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

Mr. Chairman,


For two decades the UNGA resolutions on the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) had been adopted without a vote. We regret that this year the resolution failed to achieve the consensus as a result of either the ill-informed or ill-intentioned attempts to highlight the issue of implementation of obligations of a specific State party to the Convention in an imbalanced manner. This could have been avoided if the sponsor had conducted inclusive consultations in a transparent and unbiased manner.

To restore the tradition of adapting this resolution without a vote, we call on the sponsor to alter its approach in conducting consultations next year and keep away the resolution from politicization. The main of aim of the resolution is to reflect the global consensus on the need for the full implementation of the CWC and to uphold the international norm against the use of chemical weapons. Country-specific issues relating to the implementation of the CWC should be addressed within the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.