Mr. Chairman,

I would like to explain the position of my delegation regarding the draft resolution L.27/Rev. 1, entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction".

The Islamic Republic of Iran as the main victim of the use of chemical weapons in the recent history, attaches great importance to the full implementation of the Convention, and would like to reiterate that total destruction of all chemical weapons stockpiles continues to remain the key objective of the CWC.

The continued existence of chemical weapons threatens international peace and security and undermines the integrity and credibility of the Convention. In our view, the major possessor States Parties shall accelerate their efforts for full compliance with their obligations under the Convention.

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 politically motivated attempts by the United States to highlight the issue of implementation of obligations of a specific State party to the Convention in an imbalanced manner. This collapse of consensus could have been avoided if the sponsor had taken into account all the views expressed by delegations at the consultations meetings in a transparent and unbiased manner.

To restore the tradition of adapting this resolution by consensus, we call on Poland, as the sole sponsor, to alter its approach and keep away the resolution from politicization. The main 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. Technical issues relating to the implementation of the CWC should be addressed within the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the substantial progress achieved in the destruction process of the Syrian production facilities. Such a progress was impossible without the cooperation of the government of the Syrian Arab Republic. It is unfortunate that the sponsor of the draft resolution L.27/Rev.1 has overlooked this fact, without due regard to the views expressed by many delegations. Therefore, my delegation, will vote against PP 5 and OP 10 and abstention on the whole of resolution.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.