Mr. Chairman,

My delegation associates itself with the NAM statement delivered by Indonesia.

Iran attaches high importance to the full and effective implementation of the CWC. Iran as the victim of the most systematic chemical attacks in the contemporary history, believes that universality of the CWC and the destruction of all chemical weapons stockpiles along with maintaining effective and robust verification regime of the convention shall save nations from the scourge of the use of chemical weapons.

Iran is an active member of the OPCW and we are implementing the provisions of the Convention through submission of declarations and receiving inspections. Furthermore, we are sharing our experience of the CWC implementation with other SPs.

As long as the chemical arsenals of the U.S.A have not been verifiably destroyed, achieving the objective of the destruction should remain the top priority of the OPCW. The organization, as the main international competent authority, should not be polarized. Ensuring the universality of the CWC in the Middle East is essential. Israel continues to remain a non-party to the CWC. The threat posed by the chemical weapons of Israeli regime is serious especially given the fact that Israel never respects ethical and international norms and rules.

Unfortunately, the terrorist groups irresponsibly are using it in the Middle East. Iran condemns any use of these inhumane weapons by anyone, anywhere and under any circumstances and we believe that the perpetrators must be held accountable.
Mr. Chairman,

Iran attaches great importance to the BWC and supports this Convention.

We firmly believe that the most effective approach to strengthen the Convention is through the resumption of the negotiations on a legally binding protocol for the Convention. We call on a certain member State to withdraw its objection to the resumption of such negotiations. Selective approach to strengthening of the Convention will not achieve consensus. Strengthening of the Convention has to cover all major provisions of the Convention in an non-discriminatory manner.

The continued non-adherence of the Israeli regime to BWC is a major obstacle to its universality and endangers the security of the BWC States Parties in the Middle East.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.