

**STATEMENT
BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
AT
THE TWENTY NINTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE
STATES PARTIES
IN EXERCISE OF RIGHT OF REPLY
TO THE STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ISRAEL REGIM**

Mr. Chairperson,

The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the fabricated and absurd accusations made by Israeli regime in its statement to the twenty-ninth Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical weapon Convention, claiming obfuscation of the truth and protects the perpetrators from accountability by Iran.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, as the main victim of the chemical weapons, categorically condemns the use of chemical weapons, by anyone, anywhere and under any circumstances. It also supports the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of the Convention and the Organisation's well-defined mandate to achieve the noble goal of a world free of chemical weapons.

Iran's comments and views in the Organisation have always been of a technical nature, but unfortunately in recent years the non-state Party regime, have shown tendencies to take any possible opportunity to misuse the Organisation as a platform for perusing its political purposes.

Undoubtedly, continuing the stubborn policy of making groundless accusations and one-sided judgements, like the one that Israel regime has blatantly made in its national statement, has no value but to further politicise the Organisation and undermine its technical nature.

The child-killing regime of Israel which possesses chemical weapons has no place to comment on a State Party that is the major victim of chemical weapons. My delegation express serious concern regarding the repeated use of lethal substances and other banned weapons against the Palestinian and Lebanese people, including white phosphorus munitions. According to numerous reliable sources, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has recently confirmed that its peacekeepers sustained injuries due to chemical attacks by the Israeli regime. This alarming incident is just a glimpse of the broader atrocities committed by this regime and represents the tip of the iceberg regarding CWC violations.

It is imperative to hold this barbaric and brutal regime accountable for its crimes committed over the past 70 years, particularly during the last 14 month. Projecting and accusing States Parties will not assist this sinister entity.

Finally, Mr. Chairperson, I would kindly ask you to consider this statement as an official document of this session and publish it on the external server and the website of the OPCW.

I thank you Mr. Chairperson.