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To the OPCW

Right of Reply

## Mr. Chairperson,

In every session of the Conference, a representative of this usurping Zionist entity comes to tell us lies, hypocrisy and fabrications. This is not surprising, because this entity is experienced in practicing all forms of deception, lies and slander since it was established until now, and is also experienced in committing all types of crimes, from genocide and war crimes to crimes against humanity, in addition to displacement and killing by starvation and all forms of racism and tyranny against the Palestinian people and the Arab countries neighboring occupied Palestine and in the occupied Syrian Golan.

In every session of the Conference, a representative of this entity comes to lecture us in ethics and commitment, hiding behind signing the Chemical Weapons Convention without joining it. What you heard from the representative of this usurping colonial entity is like a thief who speaks the language of law, a criminal who speaks the language of ethics and a butcher who speaks the language of humanity.

It is not surprising that the representative of this usurping entity would complete the picture of deception, misleading and the campaign of lies that Western countries are working on to demonize Syria, and specifically, accuse my country Syria of using chemical weapons. But the representative of this entity chose the wrong time. I would like to remind the representative of this entity and to inform the esteemed delegations of some of its crimes, which are directly related to what he mentioned about the use of chemical weapons in Syria. The terrorists of "ISIS", "Al-Nusra Front" and other groups were operating under the leadership, supervision and planning of the officers of this entity's forces in Southern Syria. This entity opened its hospitals for them to receive treatment, provided them with all forms of support and armament, and facilitated the escape of about 250 terrorists from the White Helmets group through the occupied Palestinian territories, to settle in some Western countries and later take their nationalities. It is constantly attacking the centers of the Syrian Arab Army, which is fighting the world's

terrorists on Syrian territory. The attacks of these terrorists coincide with the ongoing aggressions of this entity, the latest of which was, a few days ago, the martyrdom of more than 36 Syrian citizens and the wounding of dozens in an Israeli attack on the city of Palmyra, which is listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List and which was previously subjected to brutal destruction and looting by ISIS terrorists. The usurping Zionist entity has accustomed us to its contempt for all International Institutions and Organizations, and its history and present are a testament to that. Israel considers itself a state above the law, and has never been punished throughout its history despite committing horrific massacres, crimes of genocide and racist crimes against Peoples of the Middle East, at the moment I am making this statement, hundreds of innocent children and civilians are being killed in Palestine, Lebanon and Syria. Their Permanent Representative in New York months ago tore up the UN Charter from the podium of the UN General Assembly, and the senior officials of this usurping entity threaten the UN and its Secretary-General just for saying a word of truth.

The truth that everyone should know is that thanks to the Western silence and its unlimited support for the Zionist entity, it has turned into the largest warehouse of weapons of mass destruction of various types, including biological, chemical and nuclear, in Europe and Asia.

If the Zionist entity had been held accountable for its crimes, it would not have continued its crimes of genocide in Palestine and Lebanon. Everyone must not remain silent about the crimes of the Zionist occupation and work to stop them and take the necessary measures to ensure that they are not repeated.

I thank you and I hope that this statement will be considered an official document of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the States Parties and published on the Public OPCW Website and Catalyst.