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INDIA : Statement delivered by Indian Delegation at the 107th Session of the Executive Council of the OPCW

India recognizes that the Technical Secretariat continues to effectively carry out the tasks entrusted upon it by the Convention and that adequate and appropriate funding is essential to carry out these tasks. We have always paid our assessed contributions in a timely manner and will continue to do so, as part of commitment to the OPCW and its goals.

India would like to reiterate that the re-purposing of cash surplus should be done as an exception and not become a standard practice, in line with the Financial Regulations of the Organization.

We urge the Technical Secretariat to identify greater efficiencies and cost savings in administrative expenditure without compromising OPCW's core activities.

I request that this statement be considered an official document of this session and posted on the external server and the public website.

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