

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
IRAN
TO THE 107TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE
OPCW
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 13.2**

Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation appreciates the efforts made and the informal meetings convened by distinguished ambassadors of Costa Rica and Germany and the Technical Secretariat on engagement with civil society. My delegation supports a strong and balanced participation of NGOs in the Conferences of the States Parties.

In spite of the fact that the CWC confers no status to the NGOs, they have been able to attend the sessions of the CSP according to its Rule of Procedure and the Guidelines adopted by the Third Review Conference. We believe that the Guidelines have worked well and a high percentage of the applicant NGOs with relevant interests and activities to the object and purpose of the Convention have been allowed to participate in our major events.

It is accordingly expected that any proposals to improve the procedure of the accreditation of the NGOs to be compatible with the Guidelines, the scope of the Convention, the principles of international law, and respect sovereign rights of the States Parties.

My delegation also reaffirms its preparedness to consider any proposals for further engagement with industry associations and academic institutions for better implementation of the Convention.

I thank you Mr. Chairperson.