#### **STATEMENT**

### BY

# THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

### **AT**

## THE 107th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6(C)

Mr. Chairperson,

The Islamic Republic of Iran strongly condemns the use of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere and under any circumstances, and firmly believes that those responsible for the use of chemical weapons must be held accountable.

My delegation frequently and carefully considers documents and reports on the Syrian Arab Republic chemical dossier, issued by the Technical Secretariat, Director General and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

My delegation noted the outcomes of the 28th round of consultation between the Declaration Assessment Team and the Syrian Arab Republic. The dialogue-based approach can better lead to success if it concentrates on technical aspects rather than political considerations.

The positive steps taken by Syria, including the flexibility shown in holding 28 rounds of consultations with the Declaration Assessment Team and the resolution of some outstanding issues must be acknowledged.

To reach to a tangible solution on Syria's chemical dossier, it is better to avoid any kind of prejudgement and deliberately falsifying the facts and to refrain from exercising political considerations.

Based on report by DG (EC-107/DG.20) dated 24 September 2024, the Secretariat decided on 17 September to call the inspection team back to Headquarters and to postpone the inspections due to the deteriorating security situation in the region. It shows that despite challenges that the Syria has been facing, there has been significant progress relating to its chemical weapons issues, which must be

considered in any relevant report and assessment. Therefore, we are of the view that the TS can use its capacity to create a constructive situation and pave the way for solving outstanding issues.

I request that this statement be considered as an official document of this session and posted on the OPCW catalyst and public website.

Thank you.