STATEMENT

BY

THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN AT THE 107th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

UNDER AGENDA ITEM 8

Mr. Chairperson,

The Islamic Republic of Iran would like to draw attentions to the serious and growing concern of terrorism in all its forms, including the use of chemical weapons, which poses a grave challenge to the international community in the last decade. In recent years, terrorist groups have significantly evolved and expanded their operations as it is accounted as a threat to the international order. The use of the internet and digital platforms has increasingly been exploited to incite and promote terrorist activities, particularly by non-state actors. This ongoing trend underscores the persistent threat that terrorism poses to international peace and security.

As a State that has long been a victim of terrorism and continues to endure attacks in various forms, including state-sponsored terrorism, Iran remains deeply committed to addressing this threat. Nonetheless, the main nature of this organization is chemical disarmament, and we must remain committed to this goal.

Our delegation emphasizes that all counter-terrorism measures must be undertaken in full conformity with the principles embedded in the United

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Nations Charter, international law, and the protection of human rights and humanitarian law.

Given the important and specialized role of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Islamic Republic of Iran asserts that addressing chemical terrorism must be prioritized through prevention under Article VII, the provision of robust assistance and protection under Article X, and the universal adherence to the Convention.

In this context, it is essential to ensure that all anti-terrorism efforts are fully aligned with the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), as this will guarantee the effective prevention of chemical terrorism and contribute to maintaining international peace and security, as outlined in the UN Charter.

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.