



OPCW

Executive Council

Ninety-Ninth Session

8 – 10 March 2022

EC-99/NAT.24

8 March 2022

ENGLISH only

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR ALIREZA KAZEMI ABADI
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO
THE OPCW AT THE NINETY-NINTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6**

Madam Chairperson,

The Islamic Republic of Iran is following the ongoing conflict between the Russian Federation and Ukraine with grave concern and feels sympathy for victims of the conflict of any nationality. My delegation is equally concerned that the Organisation will be misused as a platform for exchanging accusations or for political purposes.

We all have to bear in mind that this Organisation is of a technical nature with a well-defined mandate. It is not a forum for matters beyond the scope of the Convention or competency of the Organisation. Raising issues outside its mandate will ultimately lead to more politicisation and polarisation of the Organisation.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

--- 0 ---

