

**Statement by H.E. Ambassador Alireza Kazemi Abadai
of the Islamic Republic of Iran on Agenda Item 18 entitled
“Any Other Business”
at the Ninety-Ninth Session of the Executive Council**

Madam Chairperson,

There is no doubt that Covid-19 is a reality of our life and will certainly remain so, for a while. But thanks to scientific advancements, the gradual weakening of emerging variants of the virus, and widespread vaccinations all over the world, we are now witnessing a return to normal life in almost all quarters of the globe.

In this vein and with regard to the recent extensive relaxation of the Covid-19 rules in the host country and elsewhere, my delegation strongly believes that the normal meeting procedures in the Organization could be restored to enable all delegations to fully participate in the deliberations. We expect that the next session of the Executive Council to be held in normal format and arrangements, if the Covid-19 situation remains stable as it is now.

Thank You, Madam Chairperson