

Islamic Republic of Iran
Explanation of Vote on the draft decision: Mid-Biennium Draft Revised
Program and Budget of the OPCW for 2023, at the Twenty-Seventh
Session of the Conference of the States Parties

Mr. Chairperson,

My Delegation voted against the draft decision for the following reasons:

- 1) It presented the budget in an omnibus format which contained controversial issues like the funding of the Investigation and Identification Team.
- 2) It was not consistent with the relevant rules of the Financial Regulations and Rules (Article 6.3c) and the established practice of the Organization which requires cash surplus to be allocated among the States Parties in accordance with the scale of assessments for the financial period to which it relates.

Thank You, Mr. Chairperson.