

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

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Mr. Chairperson,

Allow me to start by congratulating you for assuming the chairmanship of this august Conference. I assure you of my delegation's full cooperation in fulfilling your responsibilities.

My delegation has always supported the efforts of the Technical Secretariat to ensure the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of the Convention, including the participation of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). However, it should be stressed that the accreditation process for Non-Governmental Organizations, whose activities or interests are demonstrably relevant to the object and purpose of the Convention to attend the Conference of States Parties should be in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Conference (Rule 33) and the current practice of the Organisation. Rule 33 has been properly serving the purpose of the Organisation specially preventing it from being used as a political platform. In addition, it should be noted that the OPCW is an international inter-governmental organization, hence, the Non-Governmental Organisations have no status in the Organisation, and their participation fully depends on the permission of the States Parties.

I request that this statement be circulated as an official document of this session and posted on the OPCW's public website and Catalyst portal.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.