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STATEMENT BY MR REZA POURMAND TEHRANI DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN IN RESPONSE TO THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT THE SIXTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

I thank you, Madam Chairperson, and welcome you back to chair Sixty-Fourth Meeting of the Executive Council.

At the outset on in my capacity as the coordinator of the Asian Group, I would like to recommend to the delegation of United States of America that it should respect the decisions of the other Regional Groups, especially the Asian Group, which is the largest Regional Group in this Organisation.

On behalf of the Islamic Republic of Iran, I would like to recommend the Ambassador of the United States of America to observe international courtesy and seriously avoid accusing the other States Parties. Numerous Delegates in various meetings have already expressed their deep concern about the politicisation of this Organisation and we believe that its continuation will aggravate the situation.

Therefore, I advise the Ambassador of the United States that instead of expressing irrelevant remarks and false accusations against other States Parties, to persuade its current administration to stop prolonging the destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles and to expedite the completion of this process.

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