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ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

**STATEMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN IN SUPPORT OF VENEZUELA
AT THE NINETY-FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr Chairperson,

My delegation categorically rejects the statements questioning the participation of the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the OPCW. There is only one government that has to represent a State Party to the Chemical Weapons Convention in this Organisation. The current Permanent Representative of Venezuela has already submitted her valid credentials to the Director-General and the credentials issued for the current delegation of Venezuela cannot be challenged on grounds of legitimacy and political disputes. International Organisations have no authority to cast a political judgement on any government issuing a letter of credentials. In case of objection against participation of a delegation, States Parties may only raise their reservation to its credentials.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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