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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN AT THE
NINETY-SECOND SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
UNDER AGENDA SUBITEM 11 (A) RULES OF PROCEDURES OF THE ABAF**

Our delegation noted that amending the Rules of Procedures of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) is in the agenda of this session. We would like to draw the attention of the Executive Council to the fact that ABAF is an open-ended body without decision-making powers, and its members participate in meetings of the Body in a personal capacity. The States Parties have every right, as in other international organisations, to nominate a qualified expert as a member of the ABAF. This right shall not be limited by unnecessary restrictions. The records of the meetings of the ABAF prove that the current mechanism of nomination is working well. The Advisory Body will take advantage of the expertise of its members regardless of their personal issues. The current rules of procedure of the ABAF are reasonable enough to respect the nomination of the States Parties and prevent a misuse of its rules for self-interested or confrontational purposes. However, it seems that the rules of procedures of all subsidiary bodies including ABAF require a few changes but the draft decision under discussion especially the new proposed rules on “nominations” and “dismissal of advisory body members” are apparently provocative and make the situation in the policy-making organs more complicated. In the meantime, these changes don’t look like to be an urgent issue of this Organisation.

We look forward to seeing and examining the new forthcoming draft decision which was just mentioned by the Ambassador of the United States of America.

Thank you.

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