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**EXPLANATION OF THE VOTE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
AGAINST THE DECISION ON THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET OF THE OPCW
FOR 2020 AT THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE STATES PARTIES**

Mr Chairperson,

Consensus in international organisations is a manifestation of effective cooperation and multilateralism. I deeply regret that this Organisation experiences again non-consensus on important decisions. As I stressed before, it is urgent that the key decisions of this Organisation that have a serious impact on its future activities, such as decisions on the Programme and Budget, be adopted by consensus.

It goes without saying that our Organisation must have a budget to carry on its work and mandate. However, what is unfortunate here is that from the Fourth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties in 2018, the mandate of the Organisation was extended unacceptably by a non-consensual decision contrary to the defined procedure in the Convention, engaging the Technical Secretariat in a politicised process. My understanding is that some of the States Parties do not agree with the funding of activities related to the controversial and illegal inclusion of “attribution” in the work of the Organisation, but their reluctance to prevent the adoption of a decision on the budget of the Organisation and putting the budget-related topics in one package makes them vote in favour of the “Omnibus Decision”. Regretfully, voting is assisting this illegal mandate of the Technical Secretariat to be financed and to go ahead in contradiction of the Convention. Hence, my delegation voted against the decision on the Programme and Budget for 2020.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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