Statement by the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the 94th Session of the Executive Council on the Proposed Draft Decision on the Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters under Agenda Item 10(a)

Mr. Chairperson,

On the proposed draft Decision on the Rules of Procedures of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) I would like to draw the attention of the Executive Council to the fact that the members of the ABAF participate in meetings of the Body in their personal capacities. The States Parties have every right, as in other international organizations, to nominate a qualified expert as a member of the ABAF. The records of the meetings of the ABAF proves that the current mechanism of nomination is working well. The current rules of procedure of the ABAF is reasonable enough to respect the nominations of the States Parties and prevent the misuse of its rules for self-interested or confrontational purposes.

The draft Decision under discussion especially the new rules on "nominations" and "dismissal of advisory body members" might be able to provide a ground for creating a provocative atmosphere in the Policy Making Organs (PMOs) in the future. We are of the view that the proposed draft decision requires a few amendments to make it acceptable.

Thank You