



**Statement by the State of Palestine in response to a statement made by the United States of America in relation to the appointment of the credentials committee**

The State of Palestine regrets the United States of America's disassociation with the otherwise unanimous decision of the Conference on the appointment of the State of Palestine to the Credentials Committee.

The Credentials Committee is constituted on the basis of fair and equitable geographic representation. It is the prerogative of each regional group to decide on their representation. It is on these legitimate grounds that the State of Palestine's nomination was put forward to the Conference for its appointment to the Credentials Committee.

We urge States to refrain from politicizing such a technical platform.

The State of Palestine hereby requests that this statement be circulated as an official document of the 25th Session of the Conference of States Parties and posted on the public and external website of the OPCW.

