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**Statement by the Delegation of the Islamic republic of Iran on
the Attendance and Participation of the Non-Governmental
Organizations at the 25th Session of the Conference of the
States Parties**

Mr. Chairperson,

Regarding the draft Decision on the Attendance and participation by Non-Governmental Organizations at the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Conference of the States Parties my delegation expresses its deep concern that the comments and objections of the Islamic republic of Iran to the attendance of two categories of the list of NGOs were not considered in accordance with the “Guidelines for Future Attendance and Participation by Non-Governmental Organizations” and the established practice. My delegation will join the consensus on this draft decision however it reserves its right, in the future, to object the same two categories i.e. “Applied to Previous CSPs rejected” and “New Applicants” including the NGOs which were already mentioned in the General Committee of the 24th Conference of the States Parties. It should be noted that the Chemical Weapons Convention has been concluded among the States Parties. The Non-Governmental Organizations have no status in the Convention and the views of the States Parties on the attendance and participation of others should be respected in the Organs and Committees of the Organization.

My delegation 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

Thank You Mr. Chairperson