

**Statement by H.E. Ambassador Alireza Kazemi Abadai
of the Islamic Republic of Iran on Agenda Item 6 entitled “General Debate”
at the Ninety-Ninth Session of
the Executive Council**

Madam Chairperson,

The Islamic Republic of Iran is following the ongoing conflict between the Russian Federation and Ukraine with grave concern and feels sympathy for victims of the conflict of any nationality. My delegation is equally concerned that the Organization to be misused as a platform for exchanging accusations or for political purposes.

We all have to bear in mind that this Organization is of a technical nature with a well-defined mandate. It is not a forum for matters beyond the scope of the Convention or competency of the Organization. Raising issues outside its mandate will ultimately lead to more politicization and polarization of the Organization.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson