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ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO
THE OPCW AT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF
THE STATES PARTIES EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON THE DRAFT DECISION:
MID-BIENNIUM DRAFT REVISED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET OF THE OPCW
FOR 2023**

Mr Chairperson,

My delegation voted against the draft decision for the following reasons:

1. It presented the budget in an omnibus format which contained controversial issues like the funding of the Investigation and Identification Team.
2. It was not consistent with the relevant rules of the Financial Regulations and Rules (Article 6.3c) and the established practice of the Organisation which requires the cash surplus to be allocated among the States Parties in accordance with the scale of assessments for the financial period to which it relates.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

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