

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
AT THE 103rd SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 7(C)

Mr Chairperson,

My delegation notes with appreciation that since the Syrian Arab Republic acceded to the Convention, and in spite of all the difficulties on its territory, there has been considerable progress on the Syrian issue, and constructive cooperation has been established between the parties so far. In addition, my delegation has noticed that this process has led to tangible progress and the closure of some outstanding issues. Thus, a continued cooperative approach would enable the parties to resolve all outstanding issues.

To this end, as we heard repeatedly, Syria welcomes the OPCW's deployment of the Declaration Assessment Team for the twenty-fifth round of consultations. In this vein, the Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the meeting between delegations of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Technical Secretariat in Beirut on 22 and 23 June 2023. My delegation firmly believes the only way to remove the ambiguities is the continuing of cooperation between the Secretariat and the Syrian Arab Republic and avoiding accusations and false allegations against a State Party and a Member of the OPCW.

I request that this statement be posted as an official document of this session on the OPCW catalyst and public website.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.