

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE OPCW AT THE 105TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER AGENDA ITEM 11

Mr. Chairperson,

The responsibility of the implementation of the CWC lies with the States Parties and the Convention confers no status to the NGOs. It is the same with other disarmament treaties and organizations. However, the NGOs have been participating in the sessions of the CSP according to its Rule of Procedure and the Guidelines adopted by the Third Review Conference.

We believe that the Guidelines have worked properly and most of the NGOs whose interests and activities are demonstrably relevant to the object and purpose of the Convention have been allowed to participate in our major events.

My delegation welcomes further engagement with industry associations and academic institutions for better implementation of the Convention and stands ready to discuss a plan of action to resolve any issue in that way. But interaction with the advocacy or humanitarian NGOs need further discretion, as it contains a political aspect which may undermine the object and purpose of the Convention and politicize the technical mandate of the Organization.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.