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REPORT OF THE SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the meeting

- 1.1 The Chairperson of the Executive Council (the Council), Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany, opened the Sixty-Seventh Meeting of the Council in The Hague at 09:38 on 1 July 2025.
- 1.2 Following the circulation of Note Verbale No. 2535760 (dated 22 June 2025) of the Islamic Republic of Iran (EC-M-67/1, dated 22 June 2025), the Chairperson proposed to the Council, further to consultations with members of the Council and the request of Israel, to invite Israel, a signatory State, to this meeting as an observer, in accordance with Rules 50 and 22 of its Rules of Procedure, without a role in decision-taking, and to be able to make statements, including in reply.
- 1.3 The following delegations made statements: the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Czech Republic.
- 1.4 Since consensus could not be achieved on the proposal to invite Israel to this meeting, the proposal was voted on by the Council, in accordance with Rules 39 and 42(b) of its Rules of Procedure. The vote led to the following results: 25 in favour (Argentina, Belgium, Chile, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Panama, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America); 4 against (Iran (Islamic Republic of), Malaysia, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia); and 9 abstentions (Algeria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, China, El Salvador, Ghana, South Africa, and Spain). In light of that result, the Council, in accordance with Rules 50 and 22 of its Rules of Procedure, **invited** Israel, a signatory State, to attend and participate in its Sixty-Seventh Meeting. This decision has neither created, nor is intended to create, a precedent, and any possible future requests of a similar nature shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the following agenda:

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Adoption of the agenda
- 3. Request by the Islamic Republic of Iran as contained in its Note Verbale No. 2535760 (dated 22 June 2025) (EC-M-67/1, dated 22 June 2025)

- 4. Adoption of the report
- 5. Closure

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Request by the Islamic Republic of Iran as contained in its Note Verbale No. 2535760 (dated 22 June 2025) (EC-M-67/1, dated 22 June 2025)

- 3.1 The Islamic Republic of Iran delivered a statement.
- 3.2 The Director-General made a statement.
- 3.3 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), the United States of America, Brazil, Germany, China, the Czech Republic, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Chile, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Japan, South Africa, Belgium, Malaysia, Italy, Algeria, New Zealand, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (observer) (on behalf of Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mali, Nicaragua, the Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Uganda, the State of Palestine, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), and Zimbabwe), the Russian Federation (observer), Switzerland (observer), and Türkiye (observer).
- 3.4 The following signatory State made a statement: Israel.
- 3.5 The following delegations exercised their right of reply: the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America.

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the report

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Sixty-Seventh Meeting.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Closure

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 12:32 on 1 July 2025.

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