

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
IRAN AT THE 111th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

UNDER AGENDA ITEM _7

Mr. Chairperson,

As a nation that has long suffered from terrorism, including state terrorism, the Islamic Republic of Iran remains firmly committed to combating this threat in all its forms. I would like to address the issue of chemical terrorism by highlighting a few key points.

1- The Islamic Republic of Iran emphasizes that combating chemical terrorism must be approached with a strong focus on prevention under Article VII, the provision of effective assistance and protection under Article X, and the promotion of universal adherence to the Convention.

2- My delegation has consistently underscored the issue of state-sponsored terrorism, which goes far beyond the scope of chemical terrorism. The defining prerequisites for identifying state terrorism include the possession of weapons of mass destruction, as well as recklessness and brutality in their use for the large-scale killing of human beings. There is no need to elaborate on specific instances in the Middle East, as all are fully aware of the relevant example in that region.

3- The broader concept of terrorism significantly overlaps with intimidation, coercion, and the deliberate creation of fear and terror. I represent a country that in recent months has been subjected to unlawful and brutal attacks and has repeatedly been openly threatened with military action. Last year, the State-sponsored terrorism attacked chemical facilities in Syria and Iran, and based on reliable resources, has utilized chemical agents in occupied

regions and Lebanon. It is also essential to underscore that State-sponsored attacks on chemical infrastructure constitute a form of chemical terrorism—especially when they are intended to intimidate populations, disrupt civilian life, or undermine sovereign capabilities.

4- Given that the primary mandate of this organization is chemical disarmament, it is essential to uphold our collective commitment to this fundamental objective.

I would kindly ask you to consider this statement as an official document of this session and publish it on the external server and the website of the OPCW.

I thank you.