

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
IRAN AT THE 110th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER
AGENDA ITEM 7**

Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation underscores that all counter-terrorism measures must be implemented in strict accordance with the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter, international law, and the fundamental obligations to protect human rights and uphold humanitarian law.

As a nation that has long suffered from terrorism and continues to face attacks in various forms, including state terrorism, the Islamic Republic of Iran remains firmly committed to combating this threat in all its forms. However, given that the primary mandate of this organization is chemical disarmament, it is essential to uphold our collective commitment to this fundamental objective.

Mr. Chairperson,

Over the past four months, the Middle East has witnessed a dangerous escalation in attacks targeting chemical facilities, with devastating implications for civilian populations, environmental safety, and the integrity of international non-proliferation norms.

Two formal requests have been made for extraordinary sessions of the Executive Council. The first one by I.R.Iran, following an attack on its chemical facility and another by the State of Qatar, representing the Syrian Arab Republic (SAR), after an attack on a key building in Syria vital to its engagement with the Technical Secretariat (TS). In both

cases, the same actor is responsible for these aggressive and unlawful acts.

Despite the clear and grave violations of international law—particularly the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)—some State Parties continue to either remain silent or, more troublingly, align themselves with the perpetrator. This silence erodes the credibility of the CWC and undermines the authority of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

It is 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.

Recognizing the crucial and specialized mandate of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), 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.

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

Thank you.