

**Statement by the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

**Agenda Item 2(a): the Prevention and Criminal Justice, "Election of the President and of other officers."**

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Mr. President,

Since a delegation raised baseless allegations against my country in a procedural issue, I would like to explain the position of my delegation as follows.

Mr. President,

- The Islamic Republic of Iran strongly rejects the irrelevant statement of the United States on the election of the member of the General Committee and stresses that the objection of the United States not only is at variance with the rules of procedures and practice of the Congress in electing its officers on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and nomination by the regional groups, but also is an affront to the principle of equitable representation. As such, the Islamic Republic of Iran underlines that the United States is in no position to question the election of the nominees from geographical groups.

- Rejecting and condemning the unfounded accusations and fabrications made by the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran emphasizes that such self-serving and politically-motivated accusations could in no way distract the Congress and the international community from the very sobering fact that the United States, as the most heinous terrorist regime and the main source of instability in the Middle East region and beyond, not only sponsors and finances terrorists and supports conditions and extremism conducive to terrorism, but also

plans, organizes and perpetrates terrorist acts all over the world. The United States terrorist attack against the revered Iranian commander, General Ghassem Soleimani and his companions as well as its unbridled support of terrorist acts against innocent civilians in the region are yet few instances of the United States policy and practice of terrorism.

- The Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirms that the United States by conducting such internationally wrongful acts has violated and continues to violate the fundamental principles of international law and principles set forth within the Charter of the United Nations, in particular, sovereignty, sovereign equality, non-use of force and non-intervention as well as the fundamental human rights, in particular, the right to life.

- The Islamic Republic of Iran, in line with its commitments in combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations as well as in maintaining the international and regional peace and security, condemns the United States international terrorism and reaffirms that for ensuring the stability of the Middle East region, the United States is under the obligation to, inter alia, desist and from sponsoring, supporting and perpetrating terrorist acts and foreign interventions.

In accordance with the practice and rules of procedure of the Congress, My delegation requests this statement to be registered as official documents of the Congress.

I thank you Mr. President.