



WHA79 – Israel Statement

Mr. Chair,

Israel objects to the draft resolution.

The text before us presents a selective and deeply problematic narrative. It makes serious allegations and reaches conclusions that have neither been independently established nor properly examined through impartial mechanisms.

Equally concerning is what this draft omits.

There is no acknowledgment of the broader regional context, including Iran's long-standing role in fueling instability through support, financing, and arming of terrorist organizations and armed proxies across the Middle East.

These groups, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and others, have systematically abused civilian and health infrastructure for military purposes.

Beyond Iran's destabilizing regional conduct, it is striking that this resolution remains entirely silent on the Iranian regime's own grave record concerning the right to health and the protection of civilians.

The right to health begins with the right to life and physical safety. Yet the Iranian authorities have repeatedly responded to peaceful demonstrations with lethal force, including the shooting of protesters, extrajudicial killings, and widespread violence against civilians.

Such actions constitute among the gravest possible violations of public health and human dignity. Equally alarming are consistent findings by UN mechanisms documenting systematic denial of adequate medical care to detainees, including political prisoners, women, and human rights defenders.

We are particularly troubled by the resolution's attempt to instrumentalize WHO in advancing a one-sided political narrative. WHO is not a judicial body, nor should it become a platform for politically motivated country-specific resolutions that selectively address conflicts while ignoring equally grave situations elsewhere.

If Member States genuinely wish to advance the protection of healthcare in conflict settings, they must address the full reality of threats to healthcare, including the militarization and exploitation of medical facilities by terrorist organizations, the diversion of humanitarian and medical resources, and the use of civilians as human shields. Israel cannot support this text and calls on Member States to oppose it.