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LETTER DATED 22 MAY 2003 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE

Madam President.

I write to you as the Coordinator of the Group of Ambassadors of the OIC Countries in Geneva on Disarmament and International Security issues. On behalf of the OIC members and observers to the CD, except one, I would like to inform you that the Permanent Representatives of the group, expressing their deep concern on the presidency of Israel over the CD, have decided not to participate in the CD plenary and related meetings during that presidency. They further decided that no official from the capitals of the above mentioned countries would address the Conference during that period.

I would be grateful, if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament to all Member States of the Conference and non-member States participating in its work.

Please accept, Madam President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed): Mohammad Reza Alborzi

H.E. Mrs. Mary Whelan Ambassador, Permanent Representative President of the Conference on Disarmament Permanent Mission of Ireland

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