

**Statement of I.R. Iran on:
“Addressing the increasing burden of trauma in humanitarian settings in the Eastern
Mediterranean Region”
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Mr Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, we appreciate WHO efforts for putting this agenda item as part of the 71st session of the Regional Committee. The technical paper has comprehensively addressed all aspects of trauma management in the countries of Region.

No doubt that improving the quality of services to deal with the trauma victims in the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean requires comprehensive scientific and specialized support from international organizations and institutions, especially WHO.

WHO may support development of national trauma registration system in the countries of the region. In addition, and in line with the first strategic objective of the technical paper WHO and countries with best practices in the area of emergency preparedness and response should support organizing different training programs for the first responders in the field of First Aid.

We support strengthening the EMT teams in the countries facing recurrent emergencies. I.R of Iran is ready to participate in training of neighbouring countries on mitigation, prevention and response to the most common emergencies and disasters.

As you all know the area of pre-hospital emergency readiness and response can be improved by capacity building of the relevant staff on following two standard courses namely Advance Trauma Life Support (ATLS) and Pediatrics Trauma Life Support (PTLS). Iran can host organizing the above mentioned training courses in collaboration with WHO.

Iran has established national research center for trauma management, encouraging countries to pay attention for establishment of such research institutes specially in countries facing high burden of emergencies and disasters.

We also suggest EMRO to assist member states for establishment of rapid early warning systems in EOCs to respond to the victims of Mass Casualties Incidents.

Iran has a long history of training Emergency Medicine Specialists and despite economic challenges during the past few years to hinder the reluctance of young physicians, is trying to ensure availability of at least one Trauma Specialist in all Emergency wards of hospitals across the country.

Finally, we request WHO to establish a network of trauma centers for the scientific management of the casualties and exchange of data and experiences among member states. WHO should ensure standardization of trauma management protocols and guidelines for better coordination among 22 countries of the region.

We are thankful for your attention and ready to discuss more on detail for building partnership in the important area of trauma management in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.