

**Statement of Islamic Republic of Iran on
"Local vaccine production-a priority for the Eastern Mediterranean Region"**

We appreciate WHO/EMRO for organizing this pre-RC meeting. Considering the long history of vaccine production, we request WHO assistance for technology transfer including mRNA vaccines to the interested and competent countries.

One of the good strategies would be WHO hubs to support development/strengthening of local productions for member states, which facilitates setting standards and sharing virus species for vaccine production. Currently, there are several companies in the country which have invested and developed appropriate infrastructures to manufacture a variety of vaccines based on different technological platforms.

Furthermore, considering the evolution of Iranian FDA capacity to review vaccine production dossiers as well as auditing the manufactures, it declares its readiness in "Collaborative Registration Procedure".

Currently, Iranian NRA is busy in self-assessment based on GBT (Global benchmarking Tool).

Thank you.