



European Union

Statement on the occasion of the IAEA Board of Governors

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Agenda item 1: Verification and monitoring in the Islamic Republic of Iran in light of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015)

Final

Madam Chair,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union. The following countries align themselves with this statement: the Republic of North Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Iceland+, Serbia*, Albania*, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Liechtenstein+, Norway+, the Republic of Moldova, and San Marino.
2. The European Union would like to thank the Director General for his reports *contained in document GOV/INF/2019/8 and GOV/INF/2019/9 on the Verification and monitoring in the Islamic Republic of Iran in light of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015)*.
3. At the outset, the EU would like to reiterate its position that it regards the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) as the cornerstone of the global nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament architecture.

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4. The EU commends, once again, the Director General and the Secretariat for their continued professional, technical and impartial work in verifying and monitoring Iran's nuclear-related commitments under the JCPOA and in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolution 2231. We take note of the information as contained in the reports which are in line with paragraph 4 of Board of Governors Resolution GOV/2015/72 of 15 December 2015. Detailed and timely reporting is essential to enable the Board to gain a full understanding of the ongoing implementation by Iran of its JCPOA commitments and to react promptly should any issue arise. The EU reiterates the need for Iran to continue cooperating fully and in a timely manner with the IAEA.
5. We are deeply concerned that, as confirmed by the IAEA, Iran has exceeded the JCPOA stockpile limit of uranium enriched to up to 3.67% and has started enriching uranium above the level of 3.67% allowed by the JCPOA. The EU has repeatedly stressed that full implementation of the JCPOA by Iran is essential. We urge Iran to reverse these steps and to return to full JCPOA compliance without delay. We note Iran's stated intention to remain within the JCPOA. We support the efforts of the JCPOA participants in addressing these issues within the JCPOA framework and recall that compliance issues are to be addressed within this framework, including by the Joint Commission.
6. We recall that the JCPOA is a key element of the global nuclear non-proliferation architecture and an achievement of multilateral diplomacy endorsed by UNSCR 2231. It is crucial for regional, European and international security. The EU deeply regrets the US withdrawal and calls on all countries to refrain from taking any actions that impede the implementation of the JCPOA commitments. The EU takes note of the Chair's statement following the 28 June 2019 meeting of the JCPOA Joint Commission, in particular the fact

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* Candidate Countries the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania as well as potential Candidate Country Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

+Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein are members of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.

that INSTEX has been made operational, that the first transactions are being processed and some additional EU Member States are in the process of joining as shareholders, the special purpose vehicle aimed at facilitating legitimate trade with Iran. The EU has been consistent and clear that our commitment to the nuclear deal, including sanctions lifting for the benefit of the Iranian people depends on full compliance by Iran.

7. With these remarks, the EU takes note of the Director General's reports.

Thank you, Madam Chair.