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Statement

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In the Name of God
The Compassionate and the Merciful

Mr. Chairman, Director General, Distinguished Colleagues,

At the outset, I would like to thank Director General, DDG Varjoranta and the Secretariat for their hard works with regard to the monitoring and verification of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in Iran.

Mr. Chairman,

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Iranian experts and constructive cooperation of the Agency's Secretariat, the JCPOA Implementation Day was reached earlier than it was predicted and thus all provisions of previous United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions as well as the 12 Boards' resolutions on Iranian nuclear issue were terminated on 16 January 2016 and all restrictions on the Agency's Technical Cooperation were lifted as well.

Since the Implementation Day, Iran has continued to fully implement its share of the deal which was monitored and verified by the Agency.

Reciprocal full implementation of the undertakings by E3/EU+3 is the main foundation of JCPOA and the essential factor for its durability. Comprehensive lifting of all UNSC sanctions and all unilateral or multilateral nuclear-related sanctions were legally materialized. It must lead to further cooperation with Iran in all fields.

Initial signs of outcomes of JCPOA on cooperation with Iran have gradually shown themselves and the visits of a large number of high ranking delegations from all over the world to Iran, including some heads of states, as well as signing of new agreements in different fields particularly in economy and trade are the testimony to such results. It is expected that now with removal of all sanctions and the implementation of these new agreements, the tangible results would

be felt and therefore, to encourage the continuation of the current path. It is worth mentioning that the E3/EU+3 are equally committed to implement the JCPOA “in good faith and in a constructive atmosphere, based on mutual respect, and to refrain from any action inconsistent with the letter, spirit and intent of the JCPOA that would undermine its successful implementation”.

Mr. Chairman,

According to JCPOA, UNSC resolution 2231 and the Board resolution GOV/2015/72, the IAEA mandate, in terms of reporting, is very clear and that is only “to provide regular updates to”. The recent update, although in our view even could be shorter one, was the Agency’s decision which we fully respect.

However, since a few delegations referred to it, I would like to make some observations:

- 1- As the Director General asserted in the press conference on Monday, the basis of reporting is now completely different from that of the past reports. All of the previous resolutions of UNSC as well as the Boards’ were terminated and thus there is no such basis for detailed reporting of safeguards implementation.
- 2- In our view, any request for the so-called “further detailed report” is inconsistent with the JCPOA and UNSCR 2231 since they do not provide for such kind of reporting.
- 3- Furthermore, detailed report means inclusion of more confidential information which is contrary to the principle of confidentiality. Besides the provisions of Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and Article 5 of the Additional Protocol for protection of confidential information, JCPOA is very clear in this regard. The IAEA is “requested to take every precaution to protect commercial, technological and industrial secrets as well as other confidential information coming to its knowledge”.

Asking for the disclosure of such information under any cause, including transparency, is a request for an obvious violation of the JCPOA.

We are confident that the Agency continues to observe its responsibilities.

Before conclusion for putting on record, I would like to refer to US comment on excess heavy water. It is a matter of regret that while US has agreed to discuss this issue in the upcoming Joint Commission, its delegation raised it in this meeting with an arbitrary interpretation of JCPOA. According to the JCPOA, Iran's commitment is "all excess heavy water will be made available for export to the international market" and contrary to US comment, Iran has fully implemented its undertaking and made available excess heavy water on time.

For the last speaker before me, as usual you heard an irrelevant statement. For the Zionist regime of Israel that:

- has never acceded to any international treaties banning weapons of mass destruction and has never forgone the use and development of WMDs, including nuclear weapons,
- has never let any IAEA inspector to go into its unwarranted clandestine nuclear facilities,
- and sitting on tens of nuclear warheads,
talking about proliferation concern is absurd.

Let this regime continue to cry wolf about the safeguarded peaceful nuclear programs of the other IAEA members. But certainly it can no more create a smokescreen for Israeli nuclear weapons program which is a real threat to regional and international peace and security.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.