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**“Implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement
and relevant provisions of United Nations Security
Council Resolutions in the Islamic Republic of Iran”**

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Mr. Chairperson,

1. The Vienna Chapter of the Non-Aligned Movement wishes to thank the Director General, Mr. Yukiya Amano, for his report on the Implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement in the Islamic Republic of Iran as contained in document GOV/2014/28
2. NAM wishes to reiterate its confidence in the professionalism and impartiality of the IAEA Secretariat in carrying out its activities concerning the application of NPT safeguards in the Islamic Republic of Iran.
3. Before expressing its comments on the Director General's Report, NAM would like to reiterate its principled positions on the matter:
 - a. NAM reaffirms the basic and inalienable right of all states to the development, research, production and use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, without any discrimination and in conformity with their respective legal obligations. Therefore, nothing should be interpreted in a way as inhibiting or restricting the right of states to develop atomic energy for peaceful purposes. States' choices and decisions, including those of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear technology and its fuel cycle policies must be respected.
 - b. NAM recognizes the IAEA as the sole competent authority for verification of the respective safeguards obligations of Member States and stresses that there should be no undue pressure or interference in the Agency's activities, specially its verification process, which would jeopardize the efficiency and credibility of the Agency.
 - c. NAM emphasizes the fundamental distinction between the legal obligations of states in accordance with their respective safeguards agreements, as opposed to any confidence building measures undertaken voluntarily and that do not constitute a legal safeguards obligation.
 - d. NAM considers the establishment of a nuclear-weapons-free-zone (NWFZ) in the Middle East as a positive step towards attaining the objective of global nuclear disarmament and reiterates its support for the establishment of such a zone in accordance with relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions.

- e. NAM reaffirms the inviolability of peaceful nuclear activities and that any attack or threat of attack against peaceful nuclear facilities - operational or under construction - poses a serious danger to human beings and the environment, and constitutes a grave violation of international law, of the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, and of regulations of the IAEA. NAM recognizes the need for a comprehensive multilaterally negotiated instrument prohibiting attacks, or threat of attacks on nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful uses of nuclear energy.
 - f. NAM strongly believes that all safeguards and verification issues, including those related to Iran, should be resolved within the IAEA framework, and be based on sound technical and legal grounds. NAM further emphasizes that the Agency should continue its work to resolve the Iranian nuclear issue within its mandate under the Statute of the IAEA.
 - g. NAM stresses that diplomacy and dialogue through peaceful means as well as substantive negotiations without any preconditions amongst the concerned parties must remain the means whereby a comprehensive and lasting solution to the Iranian nuclear issue is found.
4. NAM stresses that the issue of non-proliferation should be resolved through political and diplomatic means and that measures and initiatives taken in this regard should be within the framework of international law, relevant conventions and the United Nations Charter.
 5. NAM takes note that the Director General has stated once again that the Agency has been able to continue to verify the non-diversion of declared nuclear material in Iran at nuclear facilities and locations outside facilities where nuclear material is customarily used (LOFs) as declared by Iran under its Safeguards Agreement.
 6. NAM welcomes the clear distinction made by the Director General between obligations emanating from Iran's Safeguards Agreement and other requests by the United Nations Security Council. In this regard, NAM notes that the Director General has stated in his report that Iran is not implementing a number of its obligations emanating from relevant provisions of the United Nations Security Council resolutions. NAM recalls that the Director General

has previously reported Iran's assertion that some of the Agency's requests "had no legal basis since they are not falling within Iran's Safeguards Agreement", an assertion elaborated by Iran in Document INFCIRC/810 as well. NAM encourages Iran to enhance its cooperation with the Agency to provide credible assurances regarding the absence of undeclared nuclear material and activities in Iran in accordance with international law.

7. NAM encourages the Secretariat to continue to refrain from including extensive technical details pertaining to sensitive proprietary information in the report of the Director General.
8. NAM welcomes the continued cooperation between the Agency and Iran as elaborated in the latest report of the Director General, and in this regard, notes the following:
 - a. that Iran has declared to the Agency under its Safeguards Agreement, 18 nuclear facilities and 9 LOFs, and that the Agency continues to verify the non-diversion of declared nuclear material at these facilities and LOFs.
 - b. that the activities of production of nuclear material, particularly those related to enrichment, continue to remain under the Agency's containment and surveillance and that to date, the Fuel Enrichment Plant (FEP) in Natanz and Pilot Fuel Enrichment Plant (PFEP) have been operating as declared.
 - c. that the Agency has verified that the Fordow Fuel Enrichment Plant (FFEP) is being constructed according to the latest design information provided by Iran, although it also states that additional information is needed from Iran in connection with this facility.
 - d. that the Agency has continued to monitor the use and construction of hot cells at the relevant nuclear facilities in Iran, and confirmed that Iran is not conducting reprocessing activities in any of the facilities declared under its Safeguards Agreement.
 - e. that on 11 May 2014, the Agency carried out a DIV at the IR-40 Reactor at Arak and observed that since the Director General's previous report, none of the reactor's remaining major components had been installed.
 - f. that Iran agreed-with the Agency on the safeguards measures for the IR-40 Reactor.
 - g. that Iran has provided the Agency with mutually agreed relevant information and managed access to the Saghand mine in Zayd and Ardakan concentration plant.

- h. that in accordance with the Framework for Cooperation, Iran Provided information and explanations for the Agency to assess Iran's stated need or application for the development of Exploding Bridge Wire detonators (EBW).
 - i. that managed access continues to be provided to the Agency to centrifuge assembly workshops, centrifuge rotor production workshops and storage facilities.
 - j. that Iran provided mutually agreed relevant information on, and arranged the Agency's technical visit to the Lashkar Ab'ad Laser Centre.
9. NAM notes that the Director General reiterated his position regarding the need for Iran to take steps towards the full implementation of its Safeguards Agreement and its other relevant obligations, in order to establish international confidence in the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program. In this regard NAM encourages Iran to continue to extend full cooperation.
10. NAM welcomes the implementation of the seven practical measures by Iran pursuant to the Framework for Cooperation agreed on 11 November 2013 between the Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran) and the IAEA according to which the Agency and Iran agree "to strengthen their cooperation and dialogue aimed at ensuring the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme through the resolution of all outstanding issues that have not already been resolved by the IAEA."
11. NAM also welcomes the agreement reached in Tehran on 20 May 2014 between Iran and the Agency on the following five practical measures to be implemented by Iran by 25 August 2014:
 - (1) Exchanging information with the Agency with respect to the allegations related to the initiation of high explosives, including the conduct of large scale high explosives experimentation in Iran.
 - (2) Providing mutually agreed relevant information and explanations related to studies made and/or papers published in Iran in relation to neutron transport and associated modelling and calculations and their alleged application to compressed materials.

(3) Providing mutually agreed information and arranging a technical visit to a centrifuge research and development centre.

(4) Providing mutually agreed information and managed access to centrifuge assembly workshops, centrifuge rotor production workshops and storage facilities.

(5) Concluding the safeguards approach for the IR-40 reactor.

In this regard, NAM notes that according to the Agency, this agreement is a further step forward. NAM looks forward to the report of the Director General to the September 2014 Board of Governors meeting on the progress of implementation of these measures.

12. NAM encourages the continuation of the discussions between Iran and the Agency with a view to resolving all outstanding issues, past and present, that have not already been resolved by the IAEA.

13. NAM notes that the Agency, in implementation of the framework for cooperation will continue to take into account Iran's security concerns, including through the use of managed access and the protection of confidential information.

14. NAM also notes that Iran has still not received the documents relating to the "alleged studies". In this context, NAM fully supports the previous requests of the Director General to those Member States that have provided the Secretariat information related to the "alleged studies" to agree that the Agency provides all related documents to Iran. NAM expresses once again its concerns on the creation of obstacles in this regard, which hinder the Agency's verification process. NAM recalls that the Director General previously reported in document GOV/2009/55 that:

- a. The Agency has limited means to authenticate independently the documentation that forms the basis of the alleged studies.
- b. The constraints placed by some Member States on the availability of information to Iran are making it more difficult for the Agency to conduct detailed discussions with Iran on this matter.

15. NAM welcomes Iran's resolve to continue cooperating with the Agency, and still looks forward to the safeguards implementation in Iran being conducted in a routine manner. In this context, NAM encourages the Agency and Iran to continue engaging substantively, redoubling efforts, without delay for the purpose of providing clarifications regarding the issues identified in the report, with a view to the prompt resolution of these issues in accordance with the Work Plan on "Understanding of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Agency on the Modalities of resolution of the Outstanding Issues" (INFCIRC/711) and Joint Statement on a Framework for Cooperation.
16. NAM appreciates Agency's monitoring and verification activities in the Islamic Republic of Iran in relation to the Joint Plan of Action agreed between the Islamic Republic of Iran and EU3+3 in Geneva on 24 November 2013 and takes note of the update, provided in the annex 3 of the report, on Iran's implementation of "voluntary measures" undertaken in relation to the Joint Plan of Action.
17. NAM reiterates its principled position that diplomacy and dialogue are the only way for a long term solution of Iran's nuclear issue. NAM encourages all Member States to contribute positively to that effect.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.