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## **Statement**

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**Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Colleagues,**

Let me start by congratulating you for the assumption of the chairmanship and assure you of the full cooperation of my delegation. I also would like to welcome the new Representatives and wish all the best for our friends who have left us.

**Mr. Chairman,**

I am obliged to put on record the appreciation for the indispensable sustained support of the Non-Aligned Movement regarding the protection of Iran's inalienable right for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy during the last decade. The Movement's struggle for peace and disarmament, for the establishment of justice and by its valuable contributions to the International Organizations have made an unprecedented record, a golden chapter in the history of the Non-Aligned Movement. I am pleased to present to you a book on this golden history of the NAM with a compilation of the statements and declarations of the Non-Aligned Movement on Iran since 2003.

**Mr. Chairman,**

At the outset, I would like to quote the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran from his opening statement to the Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement during the 16<sup>th</sup> NAM Summit in Tehran on 30 August 2012 :

*“The Islamic Republic of Iran considers the use of nuclear, chemical and similar weapons as a great and unforgivable sin. We proposed the idea of “Middle East free of nuclear weapons” and we are committed to it. This does not mean forgoing our right to peaceful use of nuclear power and production of nuclear fuel. On the basis of international laws, peaceful use of nuclear energy is a right of every country. All should be able to employ this wholesome source of energy for various vital uses for the benefit of their country and people, without having to depend on others for exercising this right. Some Western countries, themselves possessing nuclear weapons and guilty of this illegal action, want to monopolize the production of nuclear fuel. Surreptitious moves are under way to consolidate a permanent monopoly over production and sale of nuclear fuel in centres carrying an international label but in fact within the control of a few Western countries.”*

**Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,**

The international community has the right to know the factual situation about Iran's nuclear policy and activities. The distorted, bias information by some Western intelligence services and media with political motivation have created confusions and misunderstandings.

Permit me to list some elements in order to enlighten the Distinguished Representatives and the public at large:

1- The Islamic Republic of Iran was never and is not pursuing a nuclear weapon program. Since the triumph of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, the same policy based on Islamic school of thoughts has been well established. Soon after the Revolution, late Imam Khomeini, the Founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in a public statement said – I quote:

*„ ... If they continue to make huge atomic weapons and so forth the world may be pushed into destruction and major loss will afflict the nations. Everybody, wherever he is, the writers, intellectuals and scholars and scientists throughout the world, should enlighten the people of this danger so that the masses of people will stand up vis-à-vis these two powers themselves and prevent the proliferation of these arms. ...”*

The relevant sector of the Supreme Leader’s address at the 16<sup>th</sup> NAM Summit in Tehran this August is as follows:

*“I stress that the Islamic Republic has never been after nuclear weapons and that it will never give up the right of its people to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. Our motto is: “Nuclear energy for all and nuclear weapons for none.” We will insist on each of these two precepts, and we know that breaking the monopoly of certain Western countries on production of nuclear energy in the framework of the Non-Proliferation Treaty is in the interest of all independent countries, including the members of the Non-Aligned Movement.”*

2- Based on the above mentioned policy, though NPT was ratified before the Islamic Revolution, we did continue to be committed to it.

3- An avalanche of politically motivated allegations has covered the realities since 2003, accusing non-compliance of NPT obligations. It is a fact that Iran had not by 2003 signed the modified code 3.1 which was recommended by the Board of Governors. Therefore, Iran did not have any obligation to report the Natanz enrichment plant and Heavy Water Research Reactor (IR40) before the deadline, i.e. 180 days before feeding nuclear material.

4- Since Iran had not signed the Additional Protocol till 2003, Iran had no obligation to report Heavy Water production in Arak and to give information on uranium mines. Iran however, voluntarily did so and implemented it for 2.5 years. However, after the illegal involvement of the UN Security Council, upon decree of the Parliament, the Government has suspended the implementation of the Additional Protocol and modified 3.1 code.

5- Although over 7000 man-days inspections including over 100 man-days un-announced inspections are conducted since 2003 without any obstacle and no evidence of diversion to military purposes are found, but the file is still open! Why? Is there a hidden agenda? Certainly yes.

A few Western countries, specifically the United States, are trying to change the IAEA to a mere UN watchdog to impose the utmost degree of intrusiveness of inspections, entering into a national security zone of developing countries under the pretext of Iran’s nuclear issue.

One has to note the bitter facts that those Western countries being weapon states are exempted from NPT inspections thus the strengthening of the Agency's Safeguards has no impact on them.

Even more disappointing is the existing structure of the Board of Governors where western countries have the majority seats in the Board thus decisions with no negative impact on themselves but additional obligation with serious security consequences on developing countries are approved with simple majority even at the cost of polarization of the Board.

6- As a result of the resistance of the Islamic Republic of Iran along with the indispensable support of the family members of the Non-Aligned Movement based on the principles of the Movement, numerous attempts towards institutionalizing illegal norms and establishment of precedence for the developing countries have been neutralized. For instance, I remind all, of the attempt by the Bush administration of establishing a special committee on Safeguards in the IAEA to control the Agency from Washington or New York, which finally failed after 2 years.

7- The intention behind fulfilling the above mentioned plots are aimed at totally changing the mandate of the Agency's Safeguards from "nuclear material driven" to "intelligence information driven" safeguards.

**Mr. Chairman,**

A critical review of the recent DG report is going to be published as INFCIRC document. Permit me just to touch upon a few essential points:

- a- The Director General reports that the Agency is able to verify non-diversion of nuclear material declared by Iran. The Agency must report that it has not found any diversion of nuclear material to military purposes thus all declared nuclear material remain peaceful as reflected in SIR2011 .
- b- Reporting on detailed technical confidential information received by inspectors, as we notice in the DG report is endangering national security and technical performance due to military and cyber threats and sabotage. It has to be stopped.
- c- It is highly advised that Member States do not involve the Secretariat into political disputes such as suspension of enrichment, application of the Additional Protocol and modified code 3.1. The Secretariat is advised to only report whether suspension is applied or not, whether the Additional Protocol and modified 3.1 code are implemented or not, whether declared nuclear material is diverted or not, nothing more, nothing less. According to the Safeguards Agreement the department has to only verify what a Member State declares.
- d- Iran has on several occasions during the past ten years, after intensive technical work with the Agency, proved that all allegations were forged and fabricated. Some have already damaged the credibility of the Agency.

It suffices to remind of just two examples:

- 1- Allegations regarding the existence of a uranium mine and an enrichment plant in a location in south of Iran, were proved by robust inspections to be lavatories of workers transporting stones to the harbor.
- 2- Similarly in 2003 an allegation was proved to be cattle stables in a suburb of Tehran, and not a uranium enrichment plant as claimed by the CIA.

**Mr. Chairman,**

In spite of all past experience leading to a seemingly endless process, we have however decided to once again work with the Agency in order to prove that all allegations on PMD as reported by the Director General in the annex of the November 2011 report are baseless.

We have had, as the Director General confirmed, intensive discussions. Why not yet concluded?

- 1- I have to put on record that after over months of resistance, finally Agency team agreed to work on a language on the Agency to deliver the related documents but in the last moment of talks on August 2012, the Agency team put the agreed text in bracket thus created dead lock again. Therefore, Iran should not be blamed for lack of success.
- 2- I recall that the Agency visited two times in 2004 and 2005 and former DDG told that Parchin is part of history. I also informed that during talks in February 2012 in Tehran we did propose to intensify talks to finish the task by concluding modality by March 2012 and implement by including visit to Parchin.  
However after smooth talks and arrangement in Tehran, the issue was surprisingly publicized by a press release by the Agency, even before the team come back to Vienna, jeopardized the environment. Otherwise, the following week the team could have visited Parchin. I warn that dealing with security oriented issues, one has to be careful not to play politics with.
- 3- The Agency team has not agreed to a legitimate expectation, also endorsed by the former Director General and by NAM in several statements, namely to deliver documents to Iran, at least those related to claims on activities conducted by Iran.
- 4- The Agency team has not yet fully incorporated our concerns on national security in the proposed text bearing in mind the bitter fact that the names of our scientists are in the UN Security Council and EU sanctions list and assassination of our loved ones as well as the continuous threat of attack by the Zionist aggressive regime of Israel. We cannot give a blank cheque and simply pave the way for attacks.
- 5- The last but not the least is the continuous provocation and confrontation at the Board of Governors by few western countries instrumentally using the Agency. We all are witnessing such a hostile attitude and conduct during this session submitting resolution in spite of intensive cooperation by Iran with the Agency.

**Conclusion:**

A- Iran's nuclear file is still open due to allegations by a few Western countries and not due to routine inspections which according to all reports of former and present Director General are performed without any obstacle, and reports repeatedly inform that the Agency is able to continue its verification, and no evidence of diversion of nuclear material to military purposes has been found.

B- Sanctions, cyber-attacks, terrorist attempts against nuclear scientists, threat of attack against nuclear facilities all strengthen the determination of the great nation of Iran to safeguard the inalienable right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy including enrichment.

The reports of the Director General on the continuous inspections prove that resolution and related sanctions presumably aimed at stopping the enrichment and centrifuge machines have had no effect – on the contrary, one could see the acceleration of enrichment as well as the increase of the hatred of people vis-à-vis those imposing sanctions.

The Governments of Western countries imposing sanctions have to tell the truth to their fellow citizens and the international community.

The fact is that the United States and some European countries are imposing sanctions against the Iranian people, not against Iranian enrichment since all components of centrifuge machines are locally manufactured and not imported.

C- We are prepared to cooperate with the Agency, without compromising our national security, facilitating the work for prompt conclusion, provided that we are convinced that the attempts are intended to close the file and not pursuing an endless process.

D- The Islamic Republic of Iran is fully committed to its obligations under the NPT. It would never compromise its inalienable right for peaceful use of nuclear energy including enrichment for peaceful purposes under IAEA comprehensive safeguards.

E- We are determined to pursue the negotiations with the Group 5+1 with good will and political determination.

I remind all that in the Istanbul-II meeting, Iran made a great concession accepting that Iran's nuclear issue be among the agenda items.

The meeting agreed on three main elements:

- 1) NPT is a basis.
- 2) Iran's right for peaceful uses of nuclear energy is recognized.
- 3) The process is based on a step-by-step reciprocal approach.

Therefore, on all matters on global and regional nature as well as on Iran's nuclear issue, both sides committed themselves to take reciprocal steps. Needless to say that the steps have to be compatible.

F- Considering the above, I highly recommend all parties concerned to refrain from jeopardizing a conducive environment desperately needed in both tracks, for Iran and the IAEA and for Iran and the Group of 5+1, for an amicable solution. The proposed resolution would surely complicate the situation and jeopardize existing cooperation. It is another miscalculation not understanding our deep culture and civilization. Our great nation shall never bow to pressure. Undoubtedly, dialogue and negotiations without precondition, with

mutual respect, and on equal footing, along with immediate disengagement of the UN Security Council is the only solution.

Thank you.