

**Statement
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at the Board of Governors
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In the Name of God

Mr Chairman, Distinguished delegates,

At the outset, I am obliged to express the sincere appreciation of my Government for the continuous valuable support of the NAM, during the past three years, particularly the recent Statement of Ministers of the NAM, which was delivered by distinguished ambassador of Malaysia. The NAM Ministerial statement is clear reflection of views of 116 countries that is the views of the international community.

Mr. Chairman,

The nuclear program and activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran are exclusively for peaceful purposes. Iran has been committed to the NPT and has implemented the comprehensive safeguards, in full cooperation with the IAEA. As already reiterated in several occasions, Iran has always been prepared to remove any ambiguities, if any, about its nuclear activities.

Over 2000 man-day inspection, the most robust inspections in the history of the IAEA, implementation of Additional Protocol, prior to ratification which is unprecedented among Member States, over 20 complementary access most of which with short notice, and the last but not the least, over 30 inspections and swipe sampling at about 100 locations in military sites, even beyond the requirements of Additional Protocol, have been conducted. These are major safeguards verification activities which has assured the full transparency and that the nuclear program, materials and activities have been and are exclusively for peaceful purposes.

Director General has several times reported to the Board of Governors that the Agency has not found any evidence of diversion of nuclear material and activities to prohibited and military purposes, all declared nuclear materials are accounted for. None of the samples taken and inspections made in alleged military sites indicated any evidence of nuclear material and activities.

Iran's nuclear dossier was therefore not referred to the United Nations Security Council due to verification. Conveying the Iran's nuclear issue to the United Nations Security Council merely as the result of the resumption of voluntarily suspended R&D, which was, and still is, under full surveillance of safeguards of the IAEA, had no legal and technical ground thus it was a historical mistake.

The carrot and stick policy has always been counterproductive. In the case of Iran humiliation and the use of language of threat of referring the nuclear dossier to the UN Security Council, punitive actions such as sanctions against Iran as an NPT party, have had serious impact on

mutual trust and confidence on parties involved and thus the process of negotiations.

Mr. Chairman,

Now let's look at the future and choose the appropriate option before us. Total disengagement of the UNSC and the return of the nuclear file, in full, into the Agency's framework, is the only right course of action which facilitates the resolution of few remaining outstanding issues in the IAEA. The Islamic Republic of Iran is prepared to enter into negotiation without any precondition with the aim of removing ambiguities, if any, and facilitating the resolution of few remaining outstanding issues.

Mr. Chairman,

As you are all aware, the Islamic Republic of Iran has recently received a package from the European Union regarding nuclear issue. As announced by our Secretary of Supreme National Security Council, there are some positive elements as well as ambiguities. The package is under serious consideration. Upon completion of this process, the remarks on the package will be reflected to the European Union in due course. Active diplomacy, consultation with Member States, including members of NAM, EU, Russia and China is continued.

This is a clear indication of political will of the Islamic Republic of Iran to find amicable solution through dialogue and negotiation.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished delegates,

In conclusion my delegation declares determination of my Government to continue its cooperation with the IAEA in accordance with the Statute and its obligation under the NPT Comprehensive Safeguards, its recognition of the balance between inalienable rights and obligations. In the same token I would like to reflect the high expectation to refrain from taking unnecessary and harsh positions, which certainly would poison present relatively calm environment and shall endanger new multilateral diplomacy. The Board is also expected to remove the Iranian nuclear issue from the agenda of the Board of Governors as soon as possible. My Government is determined to keep the doors of dialogue and negotiation open.

Thank you for your kind attention.