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Agenda item 4: Verification and monitoring in the Islamic Republic of Iran in light of United Nations Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)

Mr. Chairman,

The Czech Republic fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by France on behalf of the EU.

We express our appreciation to the Director General and the Secretariat for the report of 3 March and their professional, objective and impartial work. We reiterate our full support to the IAEA's continuous relentless effort to implement the necessary verification and monitoring of Iran's nuclear-related commitments under the JCPOA.

The Czech Republic remains gravely concerned about Iran's actions inconsistent with its JCPOA commitments that have no credible civilian use justification and pose severe and irreversible proliferation implications. In addition, Iran's decision to suspend the implementation of transparency measures under JCPOA undermines IAEA's ability to verify that nuclear material and activities in Iran remain for exclusively peaceful purposes. It unacceptably hampers the maintenance of the continuity of the IAEA's knowledge. We strongly urge Iran to return to full compliance with all its nuclear commitments under JCPOA, including the Additional Protocol, and to resume the necessary verification and monitoring activities in relation to the JCPOA, including of all transparency measures.

The Czech Republic supports the diplomatic efforts to allow a return of all parties to the full compliance with the JCPOA. The window of opportunity might close soon and it is therefore paramount to avoid any actions that would be contrary to the JCPOA commitments.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman