



Statement of the Czech Republic

IAEA Board of Governors

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Agenda item 5(c): NPT Safeguards Agreement with the Islamic Republic of Iran

Mr. Chairman,

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

The Czech Republic would like to thank the Director General for his report and commend him and the Secretariat for their continuous professional work with regard to verifying and monitoring Iran's safeguards obligations. We remain convinced of the IAEA's technical expertise, objectivity and impartiality and we express full support to the IAEA's long-term verification and monitoring mission.

The Czech Republic welcomes the efforts by the Director General and the Secretariat to clarify the outstanding safeguards issues. We take note of the recent DG's visit to Iran and the Joint Statement by the IAEA Director General and the Vice-President and Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran to accelerate and strengthen their cooperation and dialogue. We support the set timeline and expect to hear the DG's conclusions ahead of the June Board of Governors meeting.

All open safeguards issues will stay on the agenda of the Board of Governors until they are clarified and satisfactorily resolved. With a deep concern, we take note of the lack of substantive cooperation from Iran to support the IAEA's efforts over the last two years to clarify outstanding issues related to the correctness and completeness of Iran's declarations. The Czech Republic, once again, urges Iran to use this opportunity to cooperate fully with the IAEA to resolve all issues providing all written explanations including related supporting documents and answering all questions

raised by the IAEA, as per the agreed timeline and its obligations under its Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement. Failing to do so will continue to undermine the IAEA mandate.

The Czech Republic welcomes that the IAEA evaluates all safeguards relevant information available to it in line with standard practice and that it shares its analysis with the member states. We further encourage the Agency to continue providing further detailed and timely information in this regard.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman