



**Statement of the Czech Republic
IAEA Board of Governors
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Agenda item 6(g): NPT Safeguards Agreement with the Islamic Republic of Iran

Mr. Chair,

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

The Czech Republic thanks the Director General for his report and commends him and the Secretariat for their continuous professional work and for proactive efforts to engage with Iran in order to resolve the outstanding safeguards issues. We remain convinced of the IAEA's technical expertise, objectivity and impartiality. We welcome 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.

It is deeply regrettable and concerning that despite numerous opportunities and repeated calls from the Board, Iran has not yet provided technically credible explanations regarding the presence of uranium particles of anthropogenic origin at the undeclared locations and has not yet resolved these issues. These matters relate to Iran's safeguards legal obligations in line with Iran's Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and the resolution of the outstanding safeguards issues is indispensable for the IAEA to be able to provide credible assurances of the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme.

The March 2023 Joint Statement raised expectations on Iran's commitment to continue its cooperation with the IAEA and provide further information and access to address the outstanding safeguards issues. However, these expectations remain unfulfilled. We expect prompt substantive progress. Until satisfactorily clarified and resolved, all open safeguards issues shall stay on the agenda of the Board. We

reiterate our appreciation for the Agency's relentless efforts to engage with Iran in order to resolve the outstanding safeguards issues and encourage the IAEA to continue providing detailed and timely information in this regard.

Thank you, Mr. Chair