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Agenda item 5: Verification and monitoring in the Islamic Republic of Iran in light of United Nations Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)

Mr. Chair,

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

We express our appreciation to the Director General and the Secretariat for the report and for their professional, objective and impartial work under very challenging circumstances. The Czech Republic is deeply concerned by the alarming accelerating escalation of Iran's nuclear programme that gravely departs from its Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) commitments. Iran's actions, which have no credible civilian justification in Iran's declared nuclear programme, carry very significant proliferation-related risks.

We are disappointed that commitments contained in the Joint Statement of 4 March 2023 are not fulfilled by Iran to the full extent necessary to effectively serve their purpose. The expectations that Iran will act promptly to restore confidence by entering into full, substantial and constructive cooperation with the IAEA are still to be met. 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.

We strongly urge Iran to reverse its alarming nuclear trajectory and to return to full compliance with all its nuclear commitments under JCPOA, including the Additional Protocol and all transparency measures without further delay. This, together with full implementation of the legally binding CSA and modified Code 3.1, is essential to help building international confidence in the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme.

Thank you, Mr. Chair