

Response of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran
to remarks made by some delegates
on Implementation of Safeguards Agreement in Iran
at the Board of Governors
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Madam Chair,

Some unjustified, obsolete and boring comments made by few western countries force me to give clarifications and put on the record.

1- In our view, the source of confidence deficit are remarks made by some western countries including few members of the EU, together with the USA and Canada, who are apparently moving in an opposite direction instead towards the peaceful settlement for the issue. They once again demonstrated such an approach in their imbalanced statements today. Over the last six years they have taken a selective approach, while refraining from making any reference to positive points which appeared in the IAEA DG reports, have done their best to highlight a few points such as Iran's rejection to suspend its peaceful nuclear activities including enrichment and its reluctance to ratify the Additional Protocol.

2- These few Member States have to be honest with their own people and with the international community by admitting to their mistakes. Had they not insisted on preconditions for negotiations such as suspension, had they refrained from insisting on their uncivilized and humiliating policy of dual-track and so called "carrot and stick", a couple of years ago we had been able to deal with issues of both sides' concern. It could have been possible in the course of negotiation in the spirit of mutual respect.

3- A certain country is publicizing that there is a drastic change in its foreign policy, pursuant to the world's concern about the creation of conflicts and war in all over the world. There was an announcement of change and compensation of the past mistakes. Today, having listened to the US statement, we are witnessing that there is no change in policies and actions vis-à-vis the IAEA. Therefore, all peace loving people have to reconsider their views about dealing with such a country.

4- Today those few countries actually further isolated themselves by making irresponsible statements and by totally ignoring over 10 positive points in the latest DG report, specifically the bill of health on the peaceful nature of nuclear energy in Iran; it states that there is no evidence of diversion of nuclear material and activities to prohibited purposes in Iran; and that the Agency was able to continue its verification activities without any obstacle. Instead, these countries kept repeating the same statements, and as in the previous ones asked Iran to suspend its legitimate peaceful activities including enrichment and heavy water reactor which is due to produce radioisotope for hospitals. They ask for the impossible!

5- The last but not the least is that they mistakenly make linkage with irrelevant issues by asking for suspension as a condition for declaring routine inspection! They have to bear responsibility of consequences that may be brought about by such a dangerous game. They are insisting on a challenging policy which jeopardizes the spirit of cooperation the Agency needs more than ever. I recall the cooperative approach of my respective country as declared and according which - if the Agency declares that implementation of safeguards would be conducted in a routine manner, as envisaged in the Work Plan (INFCIRC/711), - a new chapter is opened, then Iran will be prepared to remove any ambiguity, if any, within our Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement.

I would like to advise them to cope themselves with the reality on the ground that is to say:

- Iran is the master of the enrichment technology.
- Iran continues to keep its national fuel cycle including enrichment under surveillance of the IAEA.
- Iran will continue the completion of IR-40 for radioisotope production.
- The Islamic Republic of Iran considers the UN Security Council resolutions unjust and with no legal basis.
- Iran is determined to continue its full cooperation with the Agency only in accordance with its NPT safeguards obligations based on the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement.