



IAEA Board of Governors

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Agenda Item 5 (d): Implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement and relevant provisions of United Nations Security Council resolutions in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Mr Chairman

The Australian delegation thanks the Director General for his report on safeguards implementation in the Islamic Republic of Iran and for the provision of the helpful annexes. We appreciate also DDG Varjoranta's briefing on this subject on 24 February.

Australia has welcomed the Agency's Framework for Cooperation with Iran and the P5+1/Iran Joint Plan of Action. These agreements are important first steps toward a peaceful settlement of the Iran nuclear issue. We want to acknowledge the level of cooperation shown by Iran to date in implementing them. It is vital that this cooperation continues.

We encourage Iran to ratify and implement the Additional Protocol in the context of a long-term comprehensive solution.

Mr Chairman

Since our meeting on 24 January, we note progress in the six initial practical measures agreed under the Framework for Cooperation within the specified three-month period and that the Agency is analysing the information provided by the Government of Iran and seeking clarification on some matters. This is an encouraging start. As we progress through successive tranches of practical measures to resolve all outstanding issues, it is important that the Agency is able to seek and obtain such clarification, including on information provided previously. This will help build and sustain confidence in the process.

We also welcome the Director General's advice that in the second tranche of practical measures under the Framework for Cooperation, to be implemented by 15 May 2014, Iran has agreed to address one of the issues relating to the Possible Military Dimensions of its nuclear programme (PMD) that was identified in the Annex of his report of November 2011 (GOV/2011/65). We look forward to Iran providing further information on this issue in a form that adequately addresses the concerns of Member States.

Mr Chairman

It is essential that all parties implement fully their commitments under the Joint Plan of Action. We support the Agency's role monitoring and verifying Iran's commitments under the Joint Plan of Action and have confirmed to the Agency that we will provide an extra-budgetary contribution to support these efforts.

While we welcome Iran's cooperation with the Agency, and its more constructive approach, we note the Director General is not yet in a position to provide credible assurance that all nuclear material in Iran is in peaceful activities. In other words, the information Iran has given to date, including under the Framework for Cooperation and Joint Plan of Action, is not yet enough to allow the Agency to resolve all outstanding issues. We appreciate that, while recent developments are moving in a promising direction, there is much work to be done before a mutually-agreed long-term comprehensive solution can be reached.

We encourage Iran, therefore, to seize this opportunity to address **all** outstanding issues promptly, particularly those relating to PMD, so that the international community can be assured that Iran's nuclear programme is entirely for peaceful purposes.

We urge all parties to the Joint Plan of Action to maintain their commitment to the mutually-agreed long-term comprehensive solution foreshadowed in their November 2013 agreement.

Australia supports the public release of the Director General's reports on Iran: GOV/2014/10 and GOV/2014/2.

Thank you.