



IAEA Board of Governors

Meeting commencing 9 September 2013

Agenda Item 6(d): Iran

Mr Chairman

The Australian delegation thanks the Director General for his report on safeguards implementation in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Mr Chairman

The Director General has reported that a further round of negotiations with Iran concerning the “structured approach” will take place in Vienna on 27 September. This will be the eleventh round of such talks since January 2012. Importantly, this will be the first round since the elections that were held in Iran in June. We encourage the new Iranian administration to take advantage of this opportunity to enter, without further delay, into substantive and meaningful negotiations in order to resolve all outstanding issues related to its nuclear program, and to demonstrate conclusively the program’s peaceful intent.

However, as we, and other Board members, have stated repeatedly, Iran does not have to wait for a “structured approach” to be negotiated in order to provide such assurances. It can do so now, in fulfilment of 12 resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors during the decade that has passed since 2003, and the six resolutions adopted by the United Nations Security Council since 2006.

We welcome the commitment by Iranian President Rouhani to greater transparency and cooperation with the international community regarding Iran’s nuclear program, and look to see this commitment translated into action.

Mr Chairman

At our last Board meeting, several members – including Australia – asked if the Agency, while respecting necessary confidentiality, could provide member states with some additional information on what, after almost two years of discussion between the Agency and the government of Iran, was impeding conclusion of a “structured approach”. We therefore welcome that the Director General has set out in paragraph 7 of his latest report the main elements on which it has not been possible to reach agreement. These

elements will be very useful to Board members as they consider the results of the next round of negotiations between Iran and the IAEA.

Mr Chairman

Iran continues to ignore the clear and consistent concern of the international community about its nuclear program and continues to defy legally binding Board of Governors and United Nations Security Council resolutions. Iran must meet all its obligations under these resolutions.

We again register our serious concern about the installation of increasing numbers of more advanced IR2m centrifuges at the Natanz Fuel Enrichment Plant. These centrifuges, together with the continuing increase in enrichment capacity based on IR1 models, allow Iran to enriched uranium more efficiently, and to do so in quantities for which – as we and other Board members have repeatedly explained – it does not have any plausible civilian/peaceful use. The continuing installation of thousands of centrifuges does nothing to improve the confidence of the international community about the motives for, or transparency of, Iran’s nuclear activities.

Mr Chairman

The Agency’s concerns about the Possible Military Dimensions (PMD) of Iran’s nuclear program were clearly set out in the Annex to the Director General’s report of November 2011. In the report before this meeting, the Director General has again stated that “Unless Iran addresses the Agency’s requirement to conduct effective verification, it will not be possible to resolve outstanding issues, including those relating to possible military dimensions of Iran’s nuclear programme”.

We again call upon Iran to engage substantively with the Agency on PMD and provide answers concerning the issues raised by the Director General in the Annex to his report of November 2011.

Mr Chairman

Concerning the IR-40 reactor, the Director General has reported that, contrary to IAEA Board and UN Security Council resolutions, Iran has not suspended work on this project. The IR-40 reactor vessel has now been placed into position, Iran has started to produce fuel assemblies for the reactor, and Iran has advised the Agency that it has produced sufficient heavy water for the reactor’s commissioning.

Iran has not provided the Agency with an updated DIQ for the IR-40 since 2006. In his report, the Director General has repeated his assessment concerning the IR-40 reactor that the “lack of up to date design information is

having an increasingly adverse impact on the Agency's ability to verify the design of the facility and to implement an effective safeguards approach."

As the Director General has reported, the Agency requires up-to-date design information for the reactor as early as possible in order to ensure that appropriate safeguards measures and necessary safeguards equipment are put in place.

In addition to the serious concerns we have already raised, Iran has not provided access to Parchin and relevant personnel to address concerns about possible past nuclear weapons research. It has not suspended work on heavy water related projects. Iran continues to conduct activities at the Uranium Conversion Facility, the Fuel Manufacturing Plant and the Fuel Plate Fabrication Plant at Esfahan, despite its obligations to suspend these. Iran continues to ignore the requirements of the modified Code 3.1 of the Subsidiary Arrangements. And Iran still refuses to implement its Additional Protocol.

We call upon Iran to address these issues without delay.

Mr Chairman

In his latest report, the Director General has declared it remains "essential and urgent" that Iran cooperate fully with the Agency, and implement its Safeguards Agreement and other obligations, including its Additional Protocol. We fully share this conclusion.

Australia supports the public release of the Director General's report on Iran.

Thank you.