

Chairman's Conclusion on Sub-item 5(b)

Report by the Director General on the implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement in the Islamic Republic of Iran

I have no more speakers on my list. All comments made will be duly reflected in the summary records of the meeting. Therefore, I will not sum up the discussion in detail.

The Board took note of the Director General's report on the implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement in the Islamic Republic of Iran contained in document *GOVI2006/15*. The Board expressed its appreciation to the Director General and the Secretariat for their professional and diligent work on this issue.

It was noted that, in accordance with the Board's resolution *GOVI2006/14*, the Director General's report would be conveyed to the UN Security Council.

Some members expressed their regret at the lack of implementation of the confidence building measures requested of Iran by the Board in its resolution of 4 February 2006, and requested the full implementation of those measures, and further regretted Iran's declaration of 6 February 2006 that it intended to suspend the voluntary implementation of non-legally binding measures, including the Additional Protocol.

Some members regretted the slow pace of progress since February towards clarifying outstanding questions relating to Iran's nuclear programme. They also expressed concern at information related to a possible military dimension to Iran's programme. They regretted that the Agency was still not in a position to conclude that there were no undeclared nuclear materials or activities in Iran. They called on Iran to provide full transparency, including the provision of additional information and documentation related to P-1 and P-2 centrifuge programmes and the procurement of dual-use equipment; access to, and cooperation by, relevant individuals; and access to certain military-owned workshops and R&D locations that the Agency may need to visit in the future as part of its investigation.

Some Members recognized that Iran had taken corrective measures, and had been continuing to provide some transparency measures. They encouraged Iran to continue its cooperation with the Agency to resolve the remaining issues regarding the scope and nature of Iran's nuclear programme. They re-emphasized the distinction between voluntary confidence building measures and legally binding safeguards obligations.

They noted the conclusion in the Director General's report that all declared nuclear material in Iran has been accounted for, and that the Agency had not seen any diversion of nuclear material to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. They recognized that the Agency's work on verifying the correctness and completeness of Iran's declarations is ongoing. They also noted that the process of drawing a conclusion with regard to the absence of undeclared nuclear materials or activities is a time consuming process, even with an Additional Protocol in force.

It was emphasized that the Agency was the sole competent authority for verification and that it should continue its work to resolve the Iranian nuclear issue.

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The continued need for diplomatic negotiations and dialogue among all parties, covering all relevant issues was emphasized as the way to reach a peaceful solution of the Iranian nuclear issue. In this regard, appreciation was expressed for all initiatives, such as the EU/Iran dialogue and the Russian proposal on a joint venture, aimed at paving the way to a speedy conclusion of the Iranian nuclear issue. Calls were made for Iran to adopt a responsive attitude towards implementing the confidence building measures previously called for by the Board. The basic and inalienable right of all Member States to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes in conformity with their respective legal obligations was reiterated.

Some members emphasized the importance of addressing the Iranian nuclear issue within the context of the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

The Board requested the Director General to continue keeping it informed of developments as appropriate.

Is this summing-up acceptable?

It is so decided.

There has been a request to make the report of the Director General, contained in document GOV/2006/1 5, public. Is this agreeable to the Board?

It is so decided.