

Statement of the Czech Republic on the occasion of the IAEA Board of Governors

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Agenda item 8: Verification and monitoring in the Islamic Republic of Iran in light of United Nations Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)

Madam Chair,

The Czech Republic aligns itself with the statement delivered by Germany on behalf of the EU. I would like to add the following in our national capacity.

At the beginning, we express our appreciation to the Director General for his report and commend him and the Secretariat for their continuous professional work and dedication with regard to verifying and monitoring Iran's safeguards obligations. Especially given the current COVID-19 pandemic situation and related challenges. We remain convinced of the IAEA's professionalism, technical expertise, objectivity and impartiality and we express our full support to the IAEA's long-term verification and monitoring mission.

We also welcome that the IAEA evaluates all safeguards relevant information available to it in line with standard practice. We encourage it to continue to do so as new information becomes available.

We are seriously concerned with Iran's continued actions that are not consistent with the JCPOA. In particular, activities in the R&D area are irreversible and very worrying. Enrichment also continues despite the fact that the current stockpile is now more than tenfold of the maximum allowed quantity under the JCPOA. We urge Iran to return to full compliance with all its nuclear commitments under JCPOA and to reverse all steps that are not in line with these commitments.

We note that one complementary access has been conducted at one of the two locations specified by the IAEA and that the complementary access at the second location will be conducted during September as well as additional nuclear material inventory verification at a declared facility. We expect the full implementation of the Joint Statement reached by Iran and the IAEA without further delay and we urge Iran to continue to cooperate fully, proactively and timely with the IAEA.

Finally, the ratification of the Additional Protocol by Iran remains a key element to demonstrate a peaceful nature of the Iranian nuclear programme.

We further encourage the Agency to continue providing further detailed and timely information in this regard.

Thank you, madam Chair.