



Statement of the Czech Republic

IAEA Board of Governors

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Agenda item 6(d): NPT Safeguards Agreement with the Islamic Republic of Iran

Mr. Chair,

The Czech Republic fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by Sweden on behalf of the EU.

The Czech Republic thanks the Director General for his report and commends him and the Secretariat for their continuous professional work and for proactive efforts to engage with Iran in order to resolve the outstanding safeguards issues. We remain convinced of the IAEA's technical expertise, objectivity and impartiality. We welcome that the IAEA evaluates all safeguards relevant information available to it in line with standard practice and that it shares its analysis with the member states.

It is deeply regrettable that despite numerous opportunities and repeated calls from the Board of Governors Iran has not yet provided technically credible explanations regarding the presence of uranium particles of anthropogenic origin at the undeclared locations and has not yet resolved these issues. These matters relate to Iran's safeguards legal obligations in line with Iran's Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and the resolution of the outstanding safeguards issues is indispensable for the IAEA to be able to provide credible assurances of the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme.

The Czech Republic took note of the recent DG's visit to Teheran. Iran's agreement to allow the Agency to implement further appropriate verification and monitoring activities and Iran's high-level assurances to cooperate with the IAEA to resolve the outstanding safeguards issues and to engage in follow-up technical discussions with the IAEA soon are important commitments for a prompt and full implementation of

the agreed Joint Statement. We expect substantive progress and, until satisfactorily clarified and resolved, all open safeguards issues will stay on the agenda of the Board of Governors. We encourage the IAEA to continue providing detailed and timely information in this regard.

Thank you, Mr. Chair