



IAEA Board of Governors – March 2024

Agenda item 6 - Verification and monitoring in the Islamic Republic of Iran in light of United Nations Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)

STATEMENT BY SWITZERLAND

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We thank the Director General for his report on Verification and Monitoring in the Islamic Republic of Iran in light of United Nations Security Council resolution 2231 (2015). We also thank DDG Aparo for the technical briefing.

Switzerland once again expresses its disappointment that an agreement to return to the full implementation of the JCPOA by all parties continues to remain elusive. The preservation of the JCPOA remains a crucial element in the global nuclear non-proliferation regime and international security architecture. We call on all parties to redouble their efforts to conclude an agreement despite adverse conditions, as the non-proliferation benefits of the JCPOA continue to erode, as illustrated by the repeated significant increases in Iran's stockpile of various levels of enriched uranium in the form of UF₆.

Mr. Chair,

Switzerland has repeatedly expressed its concern over the withdrawal from the JCPOA and the re-imposition of sanctions by the United States. We also once again express our continuing concern over the different steps taken by Iran which are inconsistent with its nuclear-related commitments and significantly exceed JCPOA limits.

We also remain deeply concerned about Iran's continuously increasing overall stockpiles of 5%, 20% and particularly 60% enriched uranium as well as the ongoing installation of new centrifuge infrastructure. We take note of two down-blending campaigns of 60% enriched uranium.

Mr. Chair,

Iran's continued suspension of the provisional application of its Additional Protocol and its non-implementation of other JCPOA-related transparency measures, have seriously impacted the Agency's ability to verify that Iran's activities are exclusively of civilian nature.

Moreover, we are deeply concerned about the absence of virtually any progress in the implementation of any of the three elements of the Joint Statement of 4 March 2023, as agreed between the Director General and Vice-President of Iran and Head of the AEOI, Mr. Eslami. These activities and measures, as agreed in the Joint Statement, should be implemented without further delay.

Mr. Chair,

We welcome the Director General's continued and tireless efforts with regard to the Agency's JCPOA-related verification and monitoring role. We have full confidence in the independent, impartial and professional manner in which the Agency fulfils its mandate. We remind Iran that full and timely cooperation with the IAEA is indispensable for establishing trust in the peaceful and civil intentions of Iran's nuclear activities.

Thank you.