



European Union

**EU Statement on
Agenda item 6(f): NPT Safeguards Agreement
with the Islamic Republic of Iran
IAEA Board of Governors
Vienna, 7-11 June 2021**

Madam Chair,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union. The following countries align themselves with this statement: Turkey[§], the Republic of North Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Serbia*, Albania*, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Iceland+, Liechtenstein+, Norway+, Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, and San Marino.
2. The European Union would like to thank the Director General for his report contained in document GOV/2021/29 on the NPT Safeguards Agreement with the Islamic Republic of Iran and Deputy Director General Aparo for the technical briefing on 2 June 2021.
3. The EU welcomes the Director General's comprehensive and timely update on the implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement and the Additional Protocol in Iran. We commend the Director General and the Secretariat for their professional, objective, independent and impartial work in verifying Iran's safeguards obligations.
4. The EU also welcomes the fact that the IAEA evaluates all safeguards-relevant information available to it in line with standard practice and we encourage it to continue to do so. We underline that such comprehensive evaluation is essential in ascertaining that there are no indications of diversion of declared nuclear material from peaceful nuclear activities and no indications of undeclared nuclear material and activities in a State with a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement.
5. We note with concern that the presence of multiple uranium particles of anthropogenic origin at three undeclared locations as well as the presence of isotopically altered particles at one of these locations is a clear indication that nuclear material and/or equipment contaminated by nuclear material has been present at these locations. This requires urgent explanations, and we welcome the efforts by the Director General and the Secretariat to actively engage Iran to break the impasse and clarify and resolve the pending issues.

[§] Candidate Country

* Candidate Countries the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania as well as potential Candidate Country Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

+ Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are members of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.

6. The EU expresses its deep regret that, since the last meeting of the Board of Governors, Iran has not provided the requested answers to the Agency's questions and has not provided the expected information and substantiating documentation.
7. The EU notes with grave concern the lack of progress in clarifying the Agency's questions, which seriously affects the ability of the Agency to provide assurance of the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme. The EU is deeply concerned about the lack of full and expeditious cooperation by Iran with the Agency. The EU urges Iran to immediately and actively cooperate with the Agency to clarify and resolve all pending safeguards issues.
8. The EU reiterates its deep concern regarding Iran's decision, to suspend, as of 23 February 2021, the implementation of transparency measures as envisaged in the JCPOA, including the Additional Protocol. This significantly reduces the IAEA's access and oversight regarding sites, activities and relevant information.
9. As stated in the report, implementation of the modified Code 3.1 of the Subsidiary Arrangements to Iran's Safeguards Agreement is a legal obligation under the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and cannot be under any circumstances modified unilaterally. Furthermore, the EU considers Comprehensive Safeguards Agreements together with the Additional Protocol the current verification standard. The EU urges Iran to fulfill its obligation to continue the implementation of the modified Code 3.1 of the Subsidiary Arrangements to its Safeguards Agreement and to resume implementation of all transparency measures as envisaged in the JCPOA, including the implementation of the Additional Protocol.
10. To conclude, Madame Chair, the EU reiterates its full support and trust in the IAEA for the fulfilment of its mandate under the NPT Safeguards Agreements. We expect the full resolution of all outstanding issues without further delay.
11. The EU takes note of the report and looks forward that the Director General continues to report to the Board of Governors, as appropriate, and would welcome that this report is made public

Thank you, Madam Chair.