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In the Name of God
The Compassionate and the Merciful

Madam Chairperson, Director General, Distinguished Colleagues,

I would like, at the outset, on behalf of my government to appreciate the members of the Non-Aligned Movement for their continuous support to Iran's peaceful nuclear program.

My delegation would also like to welcome the bid for new membership of the Agency by, our brotherly neighboring country, Turkmenistan.

Madam Chairperson,

The Islamic Republic of Iran, since the start of the implementation of the Joint Plan of Action agreed in Geneva in November 2013, has been applying the voluntary measures it agreed. Completion of such measures by Iran which has been continuously monitored and confirmed by the Agency, demonstrates Iran's strong will and good intention in honoring any agreement it accepts. In our view, Geneva interim deal has aimed at creating an opportunity for negotiators of both sides to reach a comprehensive and lasting agreement. Despite of the complexity of the issues, thus far we have made good and substantive progress towards a long-term comprehensive solution.

In the meantime, the implementation of the Safeguards measures have been continued in all nuclear facilities in Iran. All relevant nuclear sites, locations, equipments, including the numbers and types of centrifuges, and the amount of materials to the level of grams have been under constant monitoring of the Agency and the results were reflected in the Director General reports, including the recent one. Such high level of monitoring is tantamount to the full transparency of Iran's peaceful nuclear program.

A small portion of the report, as usual and unfortunately, is the reappearance of the baseless past allegations on which our position is

well known. The repetition of such unfounded accusations would not add to their value.

Indeed a recent revelation on manipulation of the evidences on the so-called “possible military dimension” testifies to the correctness of Iran’s statement and proves that all information and documents provided to the Agency on this issue are fabricated. This evidence-manufacturing machine case and declassified documents submitted to the court of a member State is now a very new decisive element on the resolution of the so-called PMD issues without which the final assessment is impossible. All of documents including the “NUCLEAR WEAPONS BLUEPRINTS” presumably intended to emplace in Iran, though never reached its destination, must be provided to the Agency for further examination. In addition, access to all personnel involved in manufacturing artificial evidences against Iran, particularly interview with recruited foreign nuclear engineer on “Operation Merlin”, must be provided to the Agency.

Since sending the blueprints of nuclear weapons, though flawed, by one IAEA member to any other member is a serious matter, we expect the Agency request the sending country to provide explanations as well as original blueprints to the inspectors for further examination. In our view, from now on, PMD should stand for Predominantly Manufactured Dimension.

Madam Chairperson,

On the issue of cooperation between Iran and the Agency, in a latest development, Iran’s Foreign Minister H. E. Dr. Zarif met with the Director General in Munich on 7 February and discussed thoroughly the situation. As a follow-up, Deputy Foreign Minister, H. E. Dr. Araghchi also visited the Director General here in Vienna. As you have seen in the IAEA press statement, it was a useful meeting and helped a better understanding of both sides. Iran has further stated that it is ready to continue cooperation with the Agency in order to clarify ambiguities and questions and to accelerate the process. We intend to

invite the Agency team to come to Tehran next week for a further discussion.

During Board meeting in November 2014, as an initiative for moving ahead on two remaining practical measures, Iran officially offered a managed access to one of the sites which was claimed to be a place for prohibited activities. I remind you that in paragraph 43 of the annex of 2011 November DG report it was claimed that **“Further information provided to the Agency by the same member State indicates that the large scale high explosive experiments were conducted by Iran in the region of Marivan”**. Iran said many times that such claims are false including the Marivan story. We are still waiting reaction of relevant sides to our generous offer on visiting the site. But since this is an obvious fabricated story, those members that have given the false information to the Agency are unable to provide exact location for a possible visit. Unfortunately all member States were misinformed and misled by a few countries. It is expected from the member States call upon those countries that had given such forged information to the Agency, to take their responsibility very seriously and redress the situation. By making a simple statement that it is “not interested to visit the site”, the Agency also can not cover up its mistake on inclusion of the baseless allegations in its report where it claimed its information is “over all credible”.

My delegation would like to appreciate the support of overwhelming majority of the IAEA member States to the current diplomatic process as well as the implementation of the Joint Plan of Action as extended.

Before concluding, I would like to refer to the irrelevant statement made by the representative of Canada which was a repetition of baseless allegations, a cut and paste of its previous statements. Hypocrite policy of Canadian government in blindly supporting clandestine nuclear weapons program of Zionist regime of Israel and its atrocities in Gaza are well known. Furthermore, as a NATO original member that still supports the use of inhumane nuclear

weapons against other countries, Canada cannot pretend to be concerned about nuclear weapon proliferation.

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For the last speaker before me, I should say that in the dictionary of Zionist regime of Israel you cannot find the word “peace” or any concept close to it. Warmongers in Tel Aviv do not know anything other than war, aggression, occupation and violation of international law and therefore, it is not a matter of surprise to see Zionists are desperately trying to prevent any peaceful solution to an unnecessary crisis, including statement by its IAEA representative.

Thank you Madam Chairperson.