

Statement by United Arab Emirates

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Mr. Chairman,

The Non-proliferation pillar of the treaty, and in particular the IAEA safeguards system has been challenged in the past and continue, in some cases, to fail to provide the required assurance on the exclusive peaceful nature of nuclear activities in some states.

States developing nuclear energy for peaceful uses should fully adhere to comprehensive safeguards obligations; fully cooperate with the IAEA; and take required steps to fully address all international concerns and obligations including those of relevant IAEA and UNSC resolutions.

The Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement is designed to provide a credible assurance of the peaceful nature of all declared activities. However without bringing into force an Additional Protocol, the issue of possible undeclared activities is not addressed. Therefore it is essential to enhance the assertions provided by the Safeguards Agreement through utilizing the tools supplied by the Additional Protocol.

Implementing an Additional Protocol as an integral part of the safeguards system, will provide the confidence in the exclusive peaceful nature of national nuclear activities both declared and undeclared and will facilitate the full support and confidence of the international community. We welcome the increase in number of states that have brought into force an AP, reaching 122 states, a substantive progress since 2010 NPT RevCon. However there are still a number of states that have not signed or brought into force an AP. My delegation urges all states that have not yet concluded an AP with the IAEA to do so as soon as possible.

Mr. Chairman,

It is regrettable that the IAEA ,After years of efforts, has not been able to report substantive progress on addressing outstanding issues in relation to Iran's nuclear programme , including those related to the possible military dimension

It has now been more than two years since the IAEA has published its detailed report in November of 2011 , and its annex under the title "possible military dimensions", containing a list of outstanding and concerning issues in relation to Iran's nuclear programme.

The international community has stressed that it is essential for Iran and the Agency to intensify their dialogue aiming at the urgent resolution of all outstanding issues concerning its nuclear program and to exclude the existence of a possible military dimension. This was affirmed by multiple resolutions of the IAEA Board of Governors and UN Security Council, which called on Iran to take the required steps by providing access without delay to all sites, equipment, personnel and documents requested by the Agency.

My delegation continues to support diplomacy and dialogue as the only way to address Iran's nuclear issues , however we remained concerned that no substantive progress has yet been achieved in reaching a comprehensive agreement to address all outstanding issues including those referred to as the possible military dimension issues.

Concrete results are needed to build confidence in the exclusive peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme.

We therefore continue to call on Iran to fully address the Agency's serious concerns regarding the possible military dimension, and to engage with the Agency substantively on all outstanding issues. We encourage Iran to spare no efforts in building confidence in its nuclear activities, and to work closely with the IAEA to achieve such objective. The UAE further encourages all Member States to contribute positively to that effect.

Mr. Chairman ,

Given the importance of non-proliferation pillar to the objective of the treaty, it is imperative that the NPT review process address such challenges, including non-compliance issues. States should fulfill their international obligations and fully address the international concerns. Safeguards system credibility must be maintained and strengthened in line with the of NPT objectives.