



IAEA Board of Governors – March 2025

Agenda item 7 (d)

NPT Safeguards Agreement with the Islamic Republic of Iran (GOV/2025/10)

STATEMENT BY SWITZERLAND

Madam Chair,

I will address both agenda items 6 and 7 (d) in this statement. We thank the DG for his reports and thank DDG Aparo for the technical briefing.

Switzerland is deeply concerned about Iran's continuously increasing stockpiles of enriched uranium, particularly the significant increase in 60% enriched uranium, and the operationalization of advanced centrifuges. In light of this, we take note of the increased frequency and intensity of the implementation of safeguards measures by the IAEA.

Switzerland regrets that, despite attempts, no agreement has been achieved to restore the measures of the JCPOA and we therefore encourage all parties to redouble their efforts to conclude a successor agreement that would strengthen the global non-proliferation architecture. Switzerland is ready to support all diplomatic efforts to resume dialogue on Iran's nuclear programme, as we have done in the past.

Madam Chair,

On NPT Safeguards, we note with concern that progress remains elusive on two outstanding issues: The implementation of the Joint Statement of 4 March 2023 and the safeguards issues regarding the previously undeclared locations Turqzabad und Varamin. We call upon Iran to fully cooperate with the Agency on all these issues and provide it with technically credible information, as well as the current location of related nuclear material and equipment.

[Switzerland further regrets Iran's unwillingness to accept the designation of four additional experienced Agency inspectors. The initial decision to withdraw the designations of several experienced Agency inspectors remains regrettable.]

We once again express our deep concern that Iran is still not implementing modified Code 3.1, a Subsidiary Arrangement to the CSA which cannot be modified or suspended unilaterally. We therefore reiterate our call upon Iran to resume implementing all legally binding obligations.

Madam Chair,

Together with the issues just mentioned above, the suspension by Iran of the provisional application of its Additional Protocol and of practically all JCPOA-related transparency measures have seriously impacted the Agency's ability to verify that Iran's activities are exclusively peaceful.

Finally, Iran is the only non-nuclear weapon State to produce and accumulate 60% enriched uranium. We therefore strongly urge Iran to act upon previous resolutions and the mutually agreed Joint Statement.

Thank you.