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Press Release

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

The report of the IAEA Director General on 15 November 2007, yet again, put on display the full, serious and sincere cooperation on the part of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the IAEA to address the few remaining outstanding questions and to allay any concerns with regards to the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program. As the report clearly stresses "Iran has provided sufficient access to individuals and has responded in a timely manner to questions and provided clarifications and amplifications on issues raised in the context of the work plan".

In its cooperation with the IAEA Iran has, on the one hand, addressed the outstanding questions with regard to its past activities, particularly through resolving the issues related to plutonium and P-1 and P-2 centrifuges, and, on the other hand, has removed any concerns or ambiguities with regard to its present activities through its agreement with the Agency on monitoring its current enrichment activities including through concluding and putting in to force of the Facility Attachment for the Fuel Enrichment Plant (FEP) at Natanz. The assertion of the report that "the Agency has been able to conclude that answers provided on the declared past P-1 and P-2 centrifuge programs are consistent with its findings", and thus the closure of this issue, coupled with various other emphasis made in the report that Iran's cooperation has been timely and full, testify to the fact that the very basic pretexts on the basis of which Iran's peaceful nuclear program was brought to the Council have been flawed and unwarranted. It also proves that involvement of the Security Council in Iran's peaceful nuclear program has been merely out of political considerations and without any legal basis whatsoever.

In the wake of this latest report of the IAEA Director General and taking in to consideration Iran's full cooperation with the Agency, resulting in the resolution and closure of certain important outstanding issues, there remains no basis for the consideration of the issue at the Security Council and, therefore, the issue should be solely dealt with in its normal, competent and technical forum which is the IAEA. The contents of the report on Iran's cooperation in addressing the outstanding questions have created a positive atmosphere and a valuable opportunity to resolve this issue through dialogue and appropriate technical mechanisms.

Iran's program is absolutely peaceful and is under the full monitoring of the IAEA. Iran has thus far taken various essential steps and has exercised a great deal of good will and indulgence in its cooperation with the IAEA. It has taken important confidence-building measures which go even far beyond its treaty obligations. Iran is, and will remain, committed to its obligations under the comprehensive safeguards agreement with the IAEA, and the Agency's inspections have continued without hindrance according to relevant agreements. All Iranian nuclear activities,

including the enrichment, are carried out according to the IAEA Statute, the NPT and the comprehensive safeguards agreement, and are under the full and continuous monitoring of the Agency. In this regard, the Agency has carried out its monitoring through the visits of inspectors (both announced and unannounced) and through the cameras installed in the relevant facilities. Such a robust cooperation on the part of Iran has led to the Agency's constant conclusion that no indication of diversion has been seen in Iran's peaceful nuclear activities.

These confidence-building measures and the remarkable progress made in resolving the outstanding issues which has been reflected in the said report attest to the fact that the allegations made by certain countries, who under the pretext of the so-called "proliferation concerns" have tried to deprive the Iranian nation from its inalienable rights to use nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, are totally baseless.

From the very beginning, it was clear that the United States, regardless of the contents of the report, will pursue its politically motivated agenda with respect to Iran's peaceful nuclear program. The United States has never shown concurrence and good intention towards the cooperation between Iran and the IAEA, nor will it spare any efforts to undermine the positive atmosphere generated by such cooperation. The position pronounced by various US officials with regard to the latest IAEA Director General's report attest to the fact that such a policy of hindrance and subversion by the US regarding this cooperation will continue in the future.

Undoubtedly any further involvement by the Security Council in this regard, will adversely affect the trend of implementation of the understanding between Iran and the IAEA. It is abundantly clear that the unacceptable misleading and political propaganda campaign orchestrated by few countries to overshadow the excellent cooperation on the part of Iran- a cooperation that is clearly reflected in the report- can not justify their mischievous actions in imposing this issue on the Security Council.