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Mr. president,

At the outset allow me to express my congratulations for your Excellency’s election as the president of this important session. I hope in light of your wise management along with the valuable cooperation of Member States, this year’s session will yield fruitful results.

Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates;

The Islamic Republic of Iran, based on Islamic instructions, has always opposed and will always denounce the manufacture and use of weapons of mass destruction, and the Supreme Leader of the I.R. of Iran has stressed the fact that production and application of nuclear weapons are forbidden. We do not regard nuclear weapons as instruments that can create might and power, rather we believe that a nation can overcome the power created by nuclear weapons through reliance on its overall natural and human resources and capabilities. The victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran and the toppling of the US-backed monarchical regime is an evident example of overcoming such a power.

Following the martyrdom of Daryoosh Rezaeejad happened after the anniversary of martyrdom of Dr. Majid Shahriyar and one day before the second anniversary of assassination of Dr. Masoud Alimohammadi, the Zionist agents staged another criminal act and assassinated Mr. Mostafa Ahmadirooshan and his colleague Mr. Reza Qashqaei by using sticky bomb to their moving car. In the mean time, other specialists and negotiators with the Agency targeted by the terrorists that with timely protection and identification of the Ministry of Intelligence and the Revolutionary Guards they were arrested.
The advent of nuclear terrorism and indifference of the Agency’s Secretariat towards that and sometimes stereotyped and superficial response to this phenomenon could be dangerous to the specialists of other countries in the future. Mr. Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan was one of the key elements in Iran’s nuclear and enrichment technology, and after his martyrdom hundreds of academic and industrial specialists volunteered to work with Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization and some of them have been recruited.

Distinguished Delegates;

In last year’s meeting with the IAEA’s Director General, I invited him to visit Iran’s nuclear activities and facilities and I also requested him to propose a reasonable time in order to ensure the necessary verification. A year has passed ever since, but no response has been given so far and regrettably the IAEA insists on its previous approach. The IAEA’s approach has been such that negotiations fail to result.

One can create a major obstacle along the way and then say that negotiations to overcome that obstacle have been vain. The wise solution is that the Agency be more patient for what it calls “verification” and act more cautiously in order to respect the rights and security of a Member State.

It should be taken into consider how dangerous Taliban, Al-Qaida and Saddam’s regime were to some countries and their national security. My country has thousands of kilometers of common borders with these groups and countries and thus our national security is much more endangered than farther especially trans-Atlantic countries. It is imperative that the IAEA’s inspection be carried out with due consideration for the specific conditions of the region and the necessary confidence be created for the Islamic Republic of Iran. Passage of time can properly remove ambiguities; all we need is mutual trust.
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I draw the attention of honorable participants, independent reporters, and the world conscience to the fact that the Secretariat of the IAEA might be diverted from its principle as to impartiality and justice as a result of mismanagement and influence of certain states. All intellectuals in the world should be aware of the fact that the nuclear case of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the ambiguities that are raised in this regard, stem from the annihilation of the interests of the rulers of certain states in Iran and the advent of a new liberating ideology. Regrettably, the IAEA has adopted such a cynical approach; should we wish to see things as cynically as some IAEA authorities do without evidence and with undue insistence, we fail to continue dialogues and we would have to try other options. Terrorists and saboteurs might have intruded the Agency and might be making decisions covertly. We should notify his Excellency the Director General and his colleagues of this issue and give the necessary warning.

I emphasize that one can look at events and reports cynically and to reach a conclusion and thus create troubles for nations that can live in peace and promote civilization based on the unity of God the Almighty. Providing some examples could clarify the roots of our concerns.

On Friday 27th of Mordad 1391 corresponding to to 17th August 2012, the electric power lines from the city of Qom to Fordow complex (Shahid Ali Mohammadi Complex) were cut using explosives. It should be recalled that power cut-off is one of the ways to break down centrifuge machines. Then during the early hours of next morning an Agency inspector requested to conduct an unannounced inspection. Does this visit have any connection to that detonation? Who, other than the IAEA inspector, can have access to the complex in such a short time to record and report failures?

It should be reminded that the same act had been performed on the power lines to Natanz facilities. Due to the transparency of Iran’s peaceful nuclear activities
and the IAEA surveillance on these activities, we have endeavored to procure our required items legitimately from the global market. The IAEA does not assist us in relation to lifting of sanctions. Maybe it is not mandated to do so. However, when the Stuxnet virus is employed or industrial sabotage is carried out in vacuum equipments, all statistics about the number of centrifuge machines, the exact amount of enriched uranium, remaining enrichment of uranium in UF₆ flowing out of the machines, and whatever observable in the area are reported by the Agency truthfully and with absolute honesty. This information is easily accessible to saboteurs and terrorists through IAEA reports. On 20 May 2012, this matter of concern was explained to his Excellency the Director General and his two honorable deputies by showing a device with explosives inside and thus we requested him not to repeat such reports. However, unfortunately, more precise details have been reflected in the latest Director General report. Samples of related pictures to these sabotage are being presented in I. R. of Iran’s section in the exhibition.

**Distinguished Delegates,**

Plotters of attack against Iran’s nuclear facilities have realized, through the IAEA published reports, that they have not gained any success in this regard. It is noteworthy for all those who enjoy the flourish of human talent and praise God for creating human beings, I should state that Iranian experts are now able to realize unwanted events in advance and ward off threats by targeting virtual packages of cyber attacks, industrial sabotage, and use of explosives. They have also devised certain ways through which nuclear facilities remain intact under missile attacks and air raids.

However, based on Islamic instructions, we assume everyone innocent unless the fault is proven; hence, we request the distinguished IAEA staff to bring the Agency back to the correct path and preserve it in the path of justice.
The 50% increase in the number of centrifuge machines for up to 5% enrichment, and based on the IAEA report, the start-up and gas-feeding of four cascades of centrifuge machines to increase the production of 20% enriched uranium in Fordow, and start-up a cascade of new generation centrifuge machines, all have been the required measures to meet the needs and to deal with possible damages.

**Distinguished Delegates;**

The greatest achievement resulting from all the improvements of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the field of nuclear science and technology is to create self-esteem and national confidence and to act as a model for others in the region and the whole world; a model depicting the capability of a nation to resist pressure, to preserve independence, and to break the scientific monopoly of some arrogant powers. Fuel production for Tehran Research reactor is evidence thereto.

Iran’s capability in uranium exploration, extraction, processing and enrichment up to 20 percent and its conversion to U₂O₃ with the enrichment rate of 20 percent and its application in the production of fuel plates as well as their assembly represents our experts’ resolution and capability and it is an intellectual gift to all humanitarian nations of the world and a beginning to peaceful cooperation aimed at human beings’ welfare and health. New achievements and methods to keep capabilities will be announced in due time.

Like the past, we remain committed to our agreed obligations with the Agency and the NPT and we will claim our rights. We recommend that the Agency change its approach with regard to Iran. The Agency should seek Iran’s assistance to dismiss the accusations leveled at Iran by some states hostile to Iran (and which use international forums as their instruments); it should not act in a manner that could raise doubts that it is having a mission to prove allegations.
Hereby I declare that the Islamic Republic of Iran, as an IAEA Member State and as a country that will always use its nuclear capability in line with peace and human beings’ welfare, seeks the Agency’s strengthening, non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and an all-inclusive disarmament. Thus I suggest that Nuclear Disarmament start with the state that has pioneered the use and proliferation of nuclear weapons and constantly seeks an imaginary enemy to continue its survival.

In this regard, the Agency should provide assistance to the Member States to improve the application of nuclear technology and the Member States shall enjoy their rights while respecting their obligations. Peaceful nuclear energy is a right given to all Member States. Adopting selective and contradictory approaches infringes the Member States’ rights. As the Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Islamic Republic of Iran will defend the rights of all NAM members; we seek to improve the unfair structure of the Agency’s Board of governors. The democratic structure of the Board of Governors will lead to the strengthening of the Agency. A state, which has used nuclear weapons, is not eligible to be present at the Board of Governors. We hope to witness happening of international forums’ spring in line with establishment of justice in the world.

**Distinguished Delegates;**

The existence of the Zionist Regime as well as being equipped with nuclear weapons is a serious threat to the international peace and security as well as to international community. Liberating Palestine from Zionist occupiers does not require the production and use of illegal nuclear weapons. Democracy and recourse to opinion of the native residents of Palestine is the principal solution and is thus recommended to all.

Opposition to Iran’s nuclear progress aims at maintaining the exclusivity of power and wealth and strengthening the foundations of colonization and modern
slavery. Consider the sanctions enforced or under enforcement against Iran. The Iran’s nuclear issue has removed the mask off the ugly face of colonization and modern slavery. Consider the new order in the insurance of vessels and their flags, banking and petroleum transactions and so on.

Relying on Allah and the support of our people we strongly continue the path of freedom and independence and the Iranian technology on the earth and in the space will support all nations’ quest for freedom and independence.

Thanks for your attention.