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In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful

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Mr. President,
Director-General,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a distinct pleasure for me to join the 65th regular session of the IAEA General Conference as the new Head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization. I congratulate you, **Mr. President**, on your election to the presidency of this significant event. To save time, I will deliver the short version of my Statement; the full version will be distributed accordingly.

Mr. President,

The inevitable trend of rising demand for energy which is necessary for sustainable development faces with challenges and there is a dire need for the international

community to collectively take steps in addressing the emerging problems in this regard.

The Agency, as per its Statute, is mandated to assist Member States in developing the peaceful use of nuclear energy without discrimination. The Agency is also entitled to strengthen the area of technical cooperation with due consideration for member states' needs and priorities, and as such, to help them achieve their Sustainable Development Goals through sharing of knowledge and experience and transfer of technology and equipment without any types of discrimination and political objectives.

Excellencies,

The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which was concluded in order to remove the impediments of Iran's progress, is a clear example of Iran's goodwill which the United States not only violated with complete disregard, but also through its unilateral policies, violated provisions of the JCPOA and UNSC resolution 2231 and withdrew from the Deal. The so called maximum pressure policy was doomed to fail and the U.S administration should abandon its addiction to unilateral sanctions and respect international law.

In this context, only after about two and a half years of continued proliferation of inclusive economic sanctions by the U.S and lack of practical actions by the E3/EU in meeting their commitments, on 2nd December 2020, Parliament of the Islamic Republic of Iran passed a law, which required the Government to stop the implementation of all verification and monitoring activities beyond Iran's Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, in case of the continuation of non-compliance of the participants of the deal within two months after the entry into force of the law.

Mr. President,

Now, it is the time for the U.S to rectify the wrong policies and initially remove all sanctions in a practical, effective and verifiable manner.

His Excellency Ayatollah Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi, the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, has stated that his government wants results-oriented negotiations, with the goal of lifting the unjust pressures and sanctions imposed on Iranian nation.

Mr. President,

Iran has always cooperated with the Agency, at the same time, it is necessary that the IAEA avoids politicization and maintains its independence, impartiality and professionalism.

As it is stated in several decisions and resolutions approved by the General Conference, an attack against nuclear installations used for peaceful purposes is contrary to international law and all armed attacks against nuclear installations devoted to peaceful purposes should be explicitly prohibited. Regrettably, the inaction of the United Nations and the IAEA in dealing with terrorist acts against peaceful nuclear facilities, has encouraged aggressors to continue and even reject the most basic and fundamental principles of international law and the United Nations Charter. It is highly imperative that this matter be immediately attended to by the Agency to not only safeguard the nuclear installations against such actions or threats, but also the credibility of the Agency.

Mr. President,

We are of the firm belief that the main remedy for the existing threats arising from the nuclear weapons, lies within full and verifiable nuclear disarmament. We call for full implementation of Article VI of NPT and express our deep

regret that not only the nuclear weapon States stand firm on retaining their arsenals and delivery systems, but also some of them actively pursue to modernize them.

Iran as the initiator of establishing Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in the Middle East since 1974, impresses its deep concern over Israeli clandestine military nuclear program. Unfortunately, despite the adoption of the resolution of the NPT Review Conference in 1995 and also its followed-on Action Plans in 2000 and 2010, the Zionist regime still has not put its nuclear activities and facilities under the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement of the Agency, continued its terroristic acts against peaceful nuclear installations, assassinated nuclear scientists and thereby endangering stability and the security of the region as well as the integrity and credibility of the NPT and the IAEA.

Distinguished Delegates,

Nuclear safety has always been among our highest priorities and we attach great importance to strengthening the relevant safety regulations. The Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirms that the responsibility for nuclear safety and nuclear security rest entirely with the Member States.

On the nuclear security, we believe that the undertaken measures should neither hamper the international cooperation in the field of peaceful nuclear activities, nor should it undermine the established responsibilities of the Agency under its Technical Cooperation Program.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, we look forward to a day when the motto of *peaceful use of nuclear energy for all and nuclear weapon for none*, is universally recognized and materialized. This message, if realized, would accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world.

I would also like to stress that Iran is cradle of civilizations and a peace loving country which historically has contributed to the global science and technology. In this context, we are determined to pursue our nuclear programme and activities which are exclusively for peaceful purposes and as stated by our President during SHANGHAI Summit on 17th September 2021, “nothing could halt the Iranian peaceful nuclear activities which will be conducted in the framework of international rules and regulations”.

I thank you Mr. President.