

Verification and monitoring in the Islamic Republic of Iran in light of United Nations Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)

Report by the Director General

1. This report of the Director General to the Board of Governors and, in parallel, to the United Nations Security Council (Security Council), is on the Islamic Republic of Iran's (Iran's) implementation of its nuclear-related commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). It provides an update on developments related to Agency monitoring and surveillance equipment in Iran and other matters since the Director General's previous reports.¹
2. In his report to the Board of Governors of 7 September 2021 (GOV/2021/39), the Director General indicated that the Agency's lack of access to its monitoring and surveillance equipment at facilities and locations in Iran was seriously compromising its technical capability to maintain continuity of knowledge, which is necessary for the Agency to resume its verification and monitoring of Iran's nuclear-related commitments in the future, and that the situation needed to be rectified by Iran without delay.
3. Furthermore, in his report to the Board of Governors of 7 September 2021 (GOV/2021/42), the Director General stated that he is increasingly concerned that even after some two years the safeguards issues referred to in that report remain unresolved.
4. In his reports, the Director General indicated that he was available to travel to Iran to meet members of the new administration to discuss all these matters with a view to resolving them without delay. The Director General hoped that through a direct, cooperative and productive dialogue with the new Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran these urgent matters could be addressed.
5. On 12 September 2021, the Vice-President of Iran and Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, H.E. Mohammad Eslami, and the Director General met in Tehran, following which they issued a Joint Statement (see annex). The Joint Statement provided, inter alia, that Agency inspectors will service Agency monitoring and surveillance equipment and replace the storage media, which will be

¹ GOV/2021/39 and GOV/2021/42.

kept in Iran under “joint”² seals of the Agency and the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI). The way this is to be carried out and the timing have been agreed by the two sides.

6. The Joint Statement also referred to a meeting between the Director General and Vice-President Eslami on the sidelines of the forthcoming IAEA General Conference and a visit to Tehran by the Director General in the near future to hold high-level consultations with senior Iranian officials with the aim of enhancing cooperation between Iran and the Agency in different fields, and to discuss current issues of mutual interest.

7. The Director General will continue to report as appropriate.

² The storage media will be kept under Agency seal and AEOI seal.

Annex

Joint Statement by the Vice-President and the Head of Atomic Energy Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency

A meeting between His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Eslami, Vice-President and the Head of Atomic Energy Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran (AEOI) and His Excellency Mr. Rafael Grossi, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) took place on September 12, during his visit to Tehran.

1. In this meeting the parties recalled and reaffirmed the spirit of cooperation and mutual trust and its continuation and emphasized on the necessity of addressing the relevant issues in a constructive atmosphere and exclusively in a technical manner.
2. In the framework of the existing cooperation, the two sides decided to maintain their mutual interactions and meetings at relevant levels. To this end, the Vice-President and the Head of AEOI will meet the IAEA Director General at the sidelines of the upcoming General Conference, and the IAEA Director General will also visit Tehran in the near future to hold high level consultations with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the aim of enhancing cooperation between Iran and the IAEA in different fields and discussing current issues of mutual interest.
3. IAEA's inspectors are permitted to service the identified equipment and replace their storage media which will be kept under the joint IAEA and AEOI seals in the Islamic Republic of Iran. The way and the timing are agreed by the two sides.