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Supplementary Item for Inclusion in the Provisional Agenda

1. On 17 August 2012, the Director General received a request, submitted by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Agency, for the inclusion of an item entitled “Promotion of Efficiency and Effectiveness of the IAEA Decision Making Process” in the agenda of the 56th (2012) regular session of the General Conference.
2. Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference¹, this item is hereby placed on a supplementary list which will be circulated not later than 27 August 2012. The note verbale from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the accompanying explanatory memorandum relating to the inclusion of this item are attached hereto.
3. It is suggested, for consideration by the General Committee, that in the provisional agenda this item follow the item circulated in GC(56)/1/Add.1 and that it be discussed first in the Committee of the Whole.

¹ Rules 13 and 20, GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1

In the name of God



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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the H.E. the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and with reference to Gov.2012/25 dated 30 April 2012 has the honour to request inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda of the 56th regular session of the General Conference of the IAEA entitled "Promotion of Efficiency and Effectiveness of IAEA Decision Making Process."

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the H.E. the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 17 August 2012



Encl.: Explanatory Notes

To His Excellency Mr. Yukiya Amano
Director General
IAEA

Explanatory Note by the Islamic Republic of Iran
on Promotion of Efficiency and Effectiveness of
IAEA Decision Making Process

“Promotion of Efficiency and Effectiveness of IAEA Decision Making Process” is an urgent need to make IAEA correspondent to current global realities. Therefore, a comprehensive discussion on the IAEA current decision making process and exploring ways and means on promotion of its efficiency and effectiveness, particularly in light of the following points, are required:

- Recalling Article IV (C)of the Statute on the principles of Sovereign States of all members of the Agency, in order to ensure to all of them the rights and benefits resulting from membership,
- bearing in mind the fundamental structural changes that have been taken place in the recent decades in international relations, particularly in the global nuclear community engaged in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy,
- bearing also in mind the limited, unbalanced and inequitable geographical representation of Members on the IAEA Board of Governors and recalling paragraph (c) of the *Resolution GC(41)/RES/20 adopted by the General Conference on 3 October 1997* which noted the interest of Member States of all regions in considering Board membership in the light of geopolitical and technical realities which was endorsed later by the General Conference Resolution entitled GC(43)/RES/19 of October 1999 on amendment to Article VI,
- recognizing the obstacles before entry into force of Resolution GC(43)/RES/19 of October 1999 while the vast majority of Members hold the view to expand the size and composition of the Board,
- taking note of the necessity of direct engagement and participation of all Member States in the decision making process regarding all fundamental issues related to the work of Agency or having impact on sovereign rights of Member States by the Board of Governors resolutions specifically those not adopted with consensus,

- recognizing the need for restructuring the Board of Governors including the mandate and composition, recognizing that the Agency's longer term and strategic decisions, particularly those that could affect sovereign rights, national security, membership status or the interests of Member States in the development and practical application of atomic energy for peaceful uses in accordance with the Statute, shall only be taken by all Member States within the General Conference.

In this vein, the inclusion of an item entitled "Promotion of Efficiency and Effectiveness of IAEA Decision Making Process" in the agenda of the 56th regular session of the General Conference of the IAEA would facilitate a comprehensive discussion on the issue leading to an appropriate decision accordingly.