

Norway

IAEA Board of Governors, March 2023

Statement under the agenda item on NPT Safeguards Agreement with the Islamic Republic of Iran

- Norway aligns itself with the statement made by Sweden on behalf of the EU and would like to add the following in a national capacity.
- We thank DG Grossi for his report of 4 March and have taken note of the joint statement issued by the AEOI and the IAEA on the same day.
- The Board resolution of November of last year, expressed “profound concern” with regards to Iran’s insufficient cooperation. We hope that the agreement reached during DG Grossi’s visit to Tehran 4 March will this time result in technically credible explanations relating to the three undeclared locations. We note that other such agreements have yielded meagre results.
- We reiterate that the IAEA safeguards system is of fundamental importance for the NPT and must be upheld. We underline that the implementation of the Modified Code 3.1 remains a legal obligation for Iran.
- The Director General continues to enjoy our full confidence in his implementation of the Agency’s safeguards mandate in an independent, impartial, and professional manner, taking all safeguards-relevant information into account.
- Thank you