



Statement
of the Islamic Republic of Iran
In Exercising the Right to Reply
Before
the Conference on Disarmament

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Thank you, Mr. President,

I took the floor to react to the baseless accusations raised against my country by some of the previous speakers.

Categorically rejecting those unfounded allegations, I would like to reiterate that the position of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the situation in Ukraine is clear and has remained unchanged.

Iran has never been a part of the conflict in Ukraine and has constantly advocated for the peaceful means of settlement of disputes underlined in the Charter of the United Nations to put an end to this conflict.

We firmly believe that the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of all states must be respected. Let me highlight this fact once again, that Iran has never transferred any weapon to Russia to be used in this conflict.

Iran deeply deplores the loss of innocent people including women and children anywhere in the world and stresses the importance of full compliance with the norms and principles of international law, in particular International Humanitarian Law in times of armed conflicts.

Rejecting baseless accusations against my country's peaceful nuclear activities, I would like to reiterate that Iran is a full-fledged member of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, has concluded Safeguard Agreements with the International Atomic Energy Agency, and hosts the most and unprecedented inspections of the IAEA. Iran's nuclear activities are entirely peaceful and take place in pursuit of its commitments and legitimate rights under the NPT.

After the irresponsible withdrawal of the USA from Iran's nuclear deal (JCPOA) and the failure of the European parties of the deal to perform their

obligations, Iran had no choice but to reduce its commitments under the JCPOA, not the safeguard agreement, as a remedial measure.

Iran's remedial measures under the JCPOA have not undermined its obligations under the NPT and Safeguard Agreement. Currently, Iran is implementing all its commitments under the NPT and the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement. Iran as a remedial measure has merely reduced its commitments beyond the safeguard agreement under the JCPOA due to the US withdrawal from the deal. All of Iran's remedial measures taken after the US withdrawal are reversible, and Iran can return to full implementation of the JCPOA once all illegal sanctions are lifted. Iran is also committed to continuing its cooperation with the IAEA.

Mr. President, dear colleagues,

The immediate threat in the region should be sought in the real existence and possession of nuclear weapons by the criminal regime of Israel and its nuclear rhetoric against independent states of the region. Without being a party to non the treaties banning weapons of mass destruction, the regime of Israel continues its clandestine activities on the production, possession, and use of banned weapons.

Iran has no proxy in the region and has never been pursuing such an objective. The current situation in Gaza and the region is the predictable and expected outcome of unlawful occupation, massacre, and committing all types of crimes against people in the region.

only since 7 October 2023, Israel in continuation of its violation of basic principles of international law including international humanitarian law, has massacred around 50.000 innocent people two two-thirds of them women and children. The barbaric conduct of this regime in Gaza and Lebanon has brought full destruction of civilian infrastructures including hospitals and health care and displacement of a very large number of people in Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria.

I would like to take this opportunity and make it clear that Iran's activities related to its missile programs are fully in compliance with its legitimate rights and commitments under international law. I would like to emphasize once again that Iran's missile activities are entirely peaceful, in line with its legitimate defense program, and have not been designed for either hostile purposes or to carry nuclear warheads.

Thank you, Mr. President!