

**Joint Statement on behalf of
France, Germany and the United Kingdom**

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Madam president,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of France, Germany and the United Kingdom, known in this context as the E3.

We are concerned about the ongoing escalation of tensions in the Middle East and reiterate our commitment to the stability of the region and to Israel's security. We have always been very clear: Iran must not have a nuclear weapon. This body has been familiar with the international concerns around the nature of Iran's programme for more than 20 years. Our diplomatic efforts have therefore always been aimed at preventing Iran from pursuing that path and to achieve robust and verifiable restrictions on Iran's nuclear programme that would give the entire international community confidence that Iran's nuclear programme is peaceful.

Last Friday, the E3 Foreign Ministers and the EU High Representative met with Iran to convey the urgency of the situation, to reiterate our goal of reaching a diplomatic solution and to urge Iran to show utmost restraint.

We urge Iran to engage the IAEA directly and openly at this difficult time. Iran's safeguards obligations, that stem from the NPT, are non-negotiable. We are particularly concerned by the numerous calls from Iranian officials to take special measures that could entail relocation of nuclear material, including HEU, and equipment. This would only lead to more uncertainty about Iran's intentions and would only increase the risk of escalation of the current crisis. It undermines further attempts at reaching a diplomatic solution. We are also extremely worried about Iran alluding to the possibility of withdrawing from the Treaty of Non-Proliferation. Iran must fully cooperate with the IAEA and refrain from threats against IAEA personnel and the DG himself, whose professional work we commend.

The E3 call for restraint and an urgent return to diplomacy to find a negotiated solution to international concerns, within the framework of the NPT. We urge all parties to respect the ceasefire announced a few hours ago. The E3 will continue to work towards achieving this goal.

Thank you, madam president.