Views of the Islamic Republic of Iran on Resolution 78/240

On addressing the legacy of nuclear weapons: providing victim assistance and environmental remediation to Member States affected by the use or testing of nuclear weapons

Iran strongly supports the resolution addressing the legacy of nuclear weapons by providing victim assistance and environmental remediation to Member States affected by the use or testing of nuclear weapons. Iran believes that it is crucial to address the humanitarian and environmental consequences of nuclear weapons, as these have long-lasting impacts on affected populations and the environment.

Drawing from the bitter experience of enduring chemical attacks by the Ba'athist regime of Iraq from 1980 to 1988, Iran staunchly advocates for the total rejection of all forms of WMDs. Iran condemns the use, threat to use or testing of nuclear weapons, as it poses a grave threat to international peace and security. Iran calls for the full implementation of measures to provide victim assistance and environmental remediation to Member States and all citizens affected by nuclear weapons and reiterates its principled position that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only guarantee against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. Iran also emphasizes the importance of cooperation among Member States in addressing the legacy of nuclear weapons, as this issue requires collective efforts to ensure that victims receive adequate support and that affected environments are restored. Iran emphasizes the responsibility of accomplices for the testing, use, or threat to use weapons of mass destruction, and asserts that they must be held accountable. Iran stands ready to work with other Member States to address this important issue and calls for continued international cooperation in this regard.