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1. On 16 August 2024, the Secretariat received a request, submitted by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, for the inclusion of an item entitled “Promotion of Efficiency and Effectiveness of IAEA Decision Making Process” in the agenda of the 68th (2024) 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 24 August 2024. The Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the accompanying explanatory note 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 directly follow the item circulated in document GC(68)/1/Add.3, and be discussed first in the Committee of the Whole.

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



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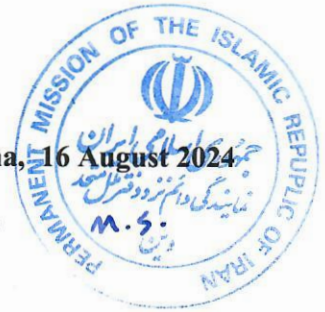
The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and has the honour to request the inclusion of a supplementary item into the agenda of 68th 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 Office and other International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest considerations.

Encl.: Explanatory Note

Vienna, 16 August 2024

To: The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)





Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran
to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Vienna

**Explanatory Note
on the New Agenda Item entitled:
“Promotion of Efficiency and Effectiveness of IAEA Decision Making Process”**

To start a comprehensive discussion on the IAEA current decision making process and to explore ways and means on the promotion of its efficiency and effectiveness, we believe that the “Promotion of Efficiency and Effectiveness of IAEA Decision Making Process” is a necessity to make the IAEA correspond to current global realities, particularly in light of the following points:

- 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 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 the implementation 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 in light of developments in last decade, 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 application of atomic energy for peaceful uses in accordance with the Statute, shall only be taken by all Member States within the General Conference,
- Recalling the decision of previous General Conferences to incorporate the issue of "Promotion of Efficiency and Effectiveness of IAEA Decision Making Process" into its Agenda which was followed by a the fruitful discussion on the issue in the Committee of the whole where several delegations expressed their desire to continue consultations on the issue,
- Noting the importance of maintaining and promoting the efficiency and effectiveness of the Agency's decision-making processes and strengthening the Agency and its governing bodies,
- Emphasizing the importance of the direct engagement and participation of all Member States in the decision-making process on issues related to the Agency's work,
- Mindful of the need to promote the efficiency of working methods and application of procedures of the IAEA bodies to take advantage of the advanced technologies including by improving the Method of Voting the IAEA General Conference and taking note of the request made to the Secretariat to continue to examine the matter,
- Emphasizing the necessity for the continuation of common efforts by all Member States, together with the Secretariat, to strengthen the Agency, promote transparency and achieve mutual interests,
- Noting the desire of some Member States to continue consideration of the issue and to keep it as an item on the General Conference agenda,

In this vein, the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran maintains that the inclusion of an item entitled "*Promotion of Efficiency and Effectiveness of IAEA Decision Making Process*" in the agenda of the 68th regular session of the General Conference would facilitate the continuation of a comprehensive deliberation on the issue.