

**Islamic Republic of Iran's Response to the EU Statement**  
**63<sup>rd</sup> UNGA First Committee**

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

I would like to address France's inaccurate and misleading remarks made yesterday on behalf of the European Union regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran's peaceful nuclear program.

1- French representative in his statement has presumed the resolutions of the Security Council regarding Iran's nuclear program as equal to the message of international community. That assertion is not true. Security Council is not the representative of international community. That is why many UN member states have called for substantive reforms in its composition. As a good example of the real message of the majority of international community, I draw the attention of French representative and his colleagues in the EU to the self-explanatory statement of 118 member states of the Non-Aligned Movement issued two month ago in which they supported Iran's rights under the NPT and its nuclear program including Iran's policies and decisions in the field of nuclear fuel cycle.

2- The demand for suspension of enrichment is illegal, ultra vires and in contravention of the provisions of the NPT. Therefore, our clear response to that demand is: Iran will never overlook its legal right to peaceful enrichment activity under the NPT.

3- As a result of Iran's proactive cooperation, the Work Plan agreed between Iran and the IAEA in the summer of 2007 has been fully implemented and all outstanding issues surrounding past activities have been resolved and closed. What the EU presidency has misleadingly characterized as outstanding issues are nothing but unsubstantiated allegations and documents fabricated by the administration of the United States. They have nothing to do with verification issues emanating from the implementation of safeguards agreement involving nuclear activities. While Iran has been denied to receive originals or even copies of documents relating to those allegations, as a gesture of good faith we have already provided the IAEA with our assessment of the alleged studies.

4- Mr. Chairman, the EU representative in his statement would have you believe Iran "has failed to reply to the Agency's questions about possible activities in relation to the design and manufacture of nuclear weapons." Not true. The Director General of the IAEA has acknowledged including in his latest report that "the Agency has no information on actual design or manufacture by Iran of nuclear material components of a nuclear weapon." Misrepresentation and misquotation of the IAEA reports by the presidency of the EU is an irresponsible behavior and

disgraceful. Alarmist style and fear mongering policy towards Iran's peaceful nuclear program will not work.

5- Given the dogmatic insistence of the France, Britain and the United States on the suspension of enrichment as a precondition for negotiations, the claim of the French representative that the EU is committed to negotiations rings hollow. The EU policy in insisting on suspension bears no relation to realities and is an irrational and failed policy.

6- Iran's nuclear program has been, is and will remain totally peaceful. The IAEA reports since November 2003 bear witness to the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear activities. In this context, the Agency has been able to verify the non-diversion of declared nuclear material in Iran. In closing, I would like to reiterate that our commitment to the NPT is steadfast.