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TO THE

CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT**

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Madam President,

Allow me to congratulate you on your assumption as the President of the Conference on Disarmament. I am confident that under your able presidency and diplomatic skills the work of the Conference will lead to a successful outcome. I also express my appreciations to other Presidents of the CD for their efforts and dedications.

Based on the instruction received from my capital I take the floor to present the national position of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the Document: CD/2007/L.1.

The Islamic Republic of Iran wants the CD to end the deadlock and gets back to its work in a balanced manner that the priorities of the member states are equally taken into account. For that purpose a comprehensive and balanced program of

work in accordance with the Rules of Procedures of the CD is highly required.

There are numerous procedural as well as substantive problems regarding the Document: CD/2007/L.1. Those concerns should be dealt with in an open and transparent negotiating process in the CD. In that regard we appreciate your efforts to conduct open-ended informal consultations. We expect to focus on the text of L.1 to resolve its problems. Procedural issues including the mechanism to conduct the tasks of the CD need to be in accordance with the Rules of Procedures.

The four core issues identified earlier by the CD have equal value and they have to be subject to an equal treatment. In view of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nuclear Disarmament and NSA are the highest priority to be negotiated in the CD. The existence of nuclear arsenals of Nuclear Weapon States causes a serious threat to the existence of the Glob. Given the overall

global security environment, the necessity for the CD to be seriously involved in nuclear disarmament is becoming ever more pressing.

Therefore the Islamic Republic of Iran requests the CD to establish Ad Hoc Committees to start negotiations on nuclear disarmament and a universal, unconditional and legally binding instrument on security assurances to non-nuclear weapon States.

The Islamic Republic of Iran wants the FMCT to be an internationally and effectively verifiable, comprehensive and non discriminatory Treaty. Past and present stockpiles are to be covered under the scope of the Treaty. We stress that the negotiation process on a possible FMCT should be in the framework of the Shannon mandate. We want the P6 proposal to include these issues.

Madam President

My delegation is prepared to participate in the negotiations to improve the Document CD/2007/L.1, in an open and

transparent manner in order to prepare a balanced program of work for the CD.

I thank you for your attention.