EU Statement at the IAEA Board of Governors on Implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement in the Syrian Arab Republic, delivered on 5 March 2025

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Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union. The following countries align themselves with this statement: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, and Ukraine.

The EU thanks the Director General [for the update provided on Syria in his opening statement] and the Secretariat for its tireless efforts to address the implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement in Syria.

We support the Director General's engagement with Syria. We welcome the process of clarification of the outstanding safeguards issues that was launched last year, through Agency visits and access to three sites related to the Deir Ezzor site.

The EU calls upon the transitional Syrian authorities to engage constructively with the IAEA on the outstanding issues related to the Assad regime's nuclear activities, notably by providing it with the necessary information and cooperation. Moreover, we would strongly encourage Syria to conclude and bring into force an Additional Protocol without further delay, so as to rebuild confidence in its nuclear activities.

We request the Director General to keep the Board of Governors informed of any developments and maintain this item on the Board agenda.

Thank you, Chair.

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