

Foreign Ministers Issue Statement on Iran

The Foreign Ministers of China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the High Representative of the European Union met in London 30 January 2006 to discuss Iran´s nuclear programme.

Following the London meeting, UK Foreign Minister Jack Straw issued a statement:

"Ministers underlined their commitment to the NPT and their determination to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons;

- shared serious concerns about Iran´s nuclear program, and agreed that an extensive period of confidence-building was required from Iran;
- called on Iran to restore in full the suspension of enrichment-related activity, including R&D, under the supervision of the IAEA;
- agreed that this week´s Extraordinary IAEA Board meeting should report to the Security Council its decision on the steps required from Iran, and should also report to the Security Council all IAEA reports and resolutions, as adopted, relating to this issue;
- agreed that the Security Council should await the Director General´s report to the March meeting of the IAEA Board, which would include a report on the implementation of the February Board´s Resolution, and any Resolution from the March meeting, before deciding to take action to reinforce the authority of the IAEA process;
- confirmed their resolve to continue to work for a diplomatic solution to the Iran problem."

The 35-member IAEA Board of Governors meets in special session on 2 February in Vienna on the implementation of nuclear safeguards in Iran.

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