



## European Union

**Statement on the occasion of the IAEA Board of Governors  
Vienna, 4-8 June 2012  
Agenda item 7 (e): Implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement in  
the Syrian Arab Republic**

Final

Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union. The Acceding Country Croatia<sup>\*</sup>, the Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia<sup>\*</sup>, Montenegro<sup>\*</sup>, Iceland<sup>\*\*</sup> and Serbia<sup>\*</sup>, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, associate themselves with this statement.
2. The European Union would like to thank the Director General for his oral report on the implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement in the Syrian Arab Republic. Unfortunately, this has not given us any grounds for less concern on the issue of Syria's nuclear programme.
3. Mr Chairman, the EU fully supported the adoption of the resolution of the Board of Governors of 9 June 2011, which reported Syria to the UN Security Council and to the UN General Assembly due to the non-compliance by Syria with its obligations under its safeguards agreement.

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<sup>\*</sup> Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process

<sup>\*\*</sup> Iceland remains an EFTA country and member of the European Economic Area

4. This resolution was based on the conclusion of the Agency in the DG's June report to the Board of Governors 'that the destroyed building at the Dair Alzour site was very likely a nuclear reactor and should have been declared by Syria pursuant to Articles 41 and 42 of its Safeguards Agreement and Code 3.1 of the General Part of the Subsidiary Arrangements thereto'.
5. The EU deeply regrets that, despite this resolution, and the Syrian pledge of 26 May 2011 to the Director General to respond positively and without delay to the Agency's request to resolve all outstanding questions, Syria still has to provide the necessary cooperation. It is of serious concern that it is now more than twelve months since that pledge was made.
6. The EU once again strongly urges Syria, as required by the Board's resolution, to remedy urgently its non-compliance with its Safeguards Agreement and to cooperate urgently and transparently with the Agency to clarify matters with regard to Dair Alzour and the other sites, and to bring into force an Additional Protocol as soon as possible.
7. Finally Mr. Chairman, the EU requests the Director General to keep the Board of Governors informed on this issue and to maintain this item on the agenda of its meetings.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman