



European Union

**Statement on the occasion of the IAEA Board of Governors
Vienna, 9 – 14 September 2013
Agenda item 6 (e): Implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement in
the Syrian Arab Republic**

Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union. [The following countries align themselves with this declaration: Turkey[§], the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Iceland[‡], Serbia*, Albania*, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Liechtenstein[†], Norway[†], Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.]
2. The European Union would like to thank the Director General for his report on the implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement in the Syrian Arab Republic, contained in document GOV/2013/41.
3. Mr Chairman, the Board of Governors, in its resolution of 9 June 2011, reported Syria's non-compliance with its Safeguards Agreement to the Security Council and General Assembly of the United Nations and called upon Syria to remedy urgently this non-compliance.
4. This resolution, fully supported by the EU, was based on the conclusion of the Agency '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, 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 and in addition renewed calls by the Director General, Syria,

[§] Candidate Country

* Candidate Countries former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia as well as potential Candidate Countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

[‡] Candidate Country Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.

[†] Norway and Liechtenstein are members of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.

has yet to provide the necessary cooperation. The EU, once again, strongly urges Syria to fully comply with the Resolution. The EU is deeply concerned that the Agency has had to postpone the 2013 physical inventory verification and urges Syria to enable the Agency to carry out the verification as soon as possible. Syria should be aware of its continued responsibility in ensuring the non-diversion of its nuclear material.

6. The EU welcomes the clear and unequivocal statement by the leader of the National Coalition for Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces on 30 August 2013, opposing and condemning the development, the trade and the use of all WMD, including nuclear weapons. The Syrian authorities remain responsible, as required by the Board's resolution, for urgently remedying their non-compliance with their Safeguards Agreement, and for cooperating urgently and transparently with the Agency to clarify matters with regard to Dair Alzour and the other relevant sites, and to conclude and bring into force an Additional Protocol as soon as possible.
7. Finally, Mr. Chairman, the EU requests that the Director General keeps the Board of Governors informed about this issue and maintains this item on the agenda of its meetings.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman