



STATEMENT OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA DURING THE IAEA INFORMAL PROGRAMME AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING, ON 22 MARCH 2016, DELIVERED BY MR. DEEPAK OJHA ON BEHALF OF H.E. AMBASSADOR SIMON MADJUMO MARUTA, PR OF NAMIBIA

Mr. Chair,

1. The Group would like to thank you for the Non-Paper on the Funding for the verification and monitoring activities in the Islamic Republic of Iran in light of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015) in the Regular Budget, as contained in document 2016/Note 30. The Group is discussing the related issues and thanks the Secretariat for further complementary explanations.
2. The Group recognizes that the application of Safeguards is one of the statutory functions of the Agency, and supports the integration of €5.2 million, resulting from the implementation of the JCPOA, in the Regular Budget in a manner as gradual as possible that would not result in any undue financial burden on the developing countries.
3. The Group maintains its principled position with regard to the Regular Budget, which calls for a balanced distribution of the budget so as to reflect the equal importance of the promotional and non-promotional activities of the Agency.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.