Views of the Islamic Republic of Iran
pursuant to paragraph 2 of Resolution A/RES/67/53
on Treaty banning the production of fissile material for
nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices

1. In the view of the Islamic Republic of Iran the most serious threat to the international
peace and security and to the very survival of civilization is the continued existence
of nuclear weapons as well as their vertical and horizontal proliferation. As long as
such weapons exist, the risk of their possible use will endanger the mankind. There is
no legal, political or security reason to justify the continued possession of nuclear
weapons and therefore, the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only absolute
guarantee against the intentional or accidental use of such weapons. Accordingly, the
Islamic Republic of Iran strongly supports the longstanding demand of overwhelming
majority of States for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons and the
establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World.

2. The Islamic Republic of Iran is of the view that the first and the best practical
measure to achieve this noble goal is the early conclusion of a Nuclear Weapons
Convention to prohibit the production, development, possession, stockpiling, use or
threat of use of nuclear weapons under any circumstances, and provide for their total
elimination at the earliest time, in an irreversible and transparent manner and under
strict international verification.

3. The Islamic Republic of Iran attaches great importance to the Conference on
Disarmament, as the irreplaceable and sole international disarmament negotiating
body, and strongly calls for the adoption of a balanced and comprehensive program
of work for this body that particularly includes immediate commencement of
negotiations of a nuclear weapons convention. Taking into account the fact that
nuclear disarmament is the highest priority on the international disarmament agenda,
Iran is of the view that negotiations on such a convention must be at the top of the
agenda of the Conference on Disarmament.

4. The Islamic Republic of Iran strongly believes that any instrument which is to ban the
production, and provide for the total elimination, of fissile material for nuclear
weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, should be comprehensive, non-
discriminatory and under strict international verification. Such an instrument must be
of a nuclear disarmament nature and not another non-proliferation instrument.
Accordingly, its scope must cover the past, present and future production of fissile
material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices and provide for the
declaration and total elimination of all stocks of such materials at a fixed date, in an
irreversible and transparent manner and under strict international verification.
Moreover, such an instrument should not provide, in any way whatsoever, the
grounds for the recognition of any new status for nuclear-weapons possessors. It
should oblige all nuclear-weapon possessors and all Nuclear-Weapon States, without
exception, to completely end the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons
or other nuclear explosive devices and to declare and destroy all their stockpiles of
such materials within a specified framework of time, in an irreversible, transparent and internationally verifiable manner. Additionally, such an instrument should not add to the burden of the Non-Nuclear-Weapon States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which have given up the nuclear weapon option.

5. While fully supporting the role and continued relevance of the Conference on Disarmament, as the irreplaceable and sole international disarmament negotiating body, the Islamic Republic of Iran does not support initiatives such as the establishment of a group of governmental experts to make recommendations on possible aspects that could contribute to a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. Such measures would only undermine the credibility and integrity of the Conference on Disarmament. As clearly stated by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the time of adoption of Resolution A/RES/67/53 by the First Committee, this was one of the reasons that compelled the Iranian delegation to vote against operative paragraph 3 of that Resolution and in abstention to it as a whole.

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