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Thank you Madame President.

Let me start by thanking the Secretary General for his introductory remarks, as well as, Assistant Secretary General Jenca and Director General of IAEA Grossi for their informative and timely briefings.

Madame President,

This is the third time in ten days that this Council has been convened in an emergency meeting. And rightfully so. The situation is now more dangerous than at any point since June 13th. What the Secretary General referred to as a defining moment for our collective future has now become a reality. We have taken note of the military action against nuclear related sites in Iran and are monitoring with concern the evolving situation very closely.

Madame President,

Allow me to raise the following three points.

First, we reiterate our call upon all parties to show restraint. There is no need for more violence, especially given the potential grave consequences. It is critical for the IAEA inspectors to be able to resume their activity and check on the status of the stockpile of the enriched uranium, as well as of the remaining enrichment capabilities of Iran. This is essential as the global non-proliferation architecture and regional - and potentially global - security come under intense stress.

Second, I must reiterate our strong concern over the nuclear program of Iran, which should never be allowed to have nuclear weapons. We have time and again warned against non-compliance with the legally binding safeguards and JCPoA obligations. Against this background, Israel has the right to protect itself and live in peace and security with its

neighbors. We can argue in this Chamber - as so many times we have done- on whether Iran's nuclear program was exclusively peaceful or not. However, whatever the case may be, such high levels of enriched uranium in a region as volatile as the Middle East cannot but generate extreme uncertainty and instability.

Third, it is of critical importance to ensure that civilians on all sides are protected. Last but not least, we take note with profound relief, of DG Grossi's remarks that "as of this time, we do not expect that there will be any health consequences for people or the environment outside the targeted sites".

Madame President,

In closing, allow me to highlight in no uncertain terms the value of de-escalation as a first step towards a sustainable peace. The international community and countries with influence must step in and offer a diplomatic way out, which must include the necessary security assurances. Involved parties need to act in accordance with the UN Charter, International Law and International Humanitarian Law.

Echoing the ancient virtue of "sophrosyne" - self-restraint - we urge all parties to exercise the utmost moderation and engage in dialogue and diplomacy.

I thank you.