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Sir,

I wish to refer to the design information verification (DIV) carried out at Natanz on 15 and 16 April 2007 and take note of the information provided by Iran to the Agency's inspectors, specifically that Iran has put into operation eight cascades at the Fuel Enrichment Plant (FEP) in Natanz and that some UF₆ is being fed into those cascades. In this context, I wish to recall the verification arrangements agreed to by Iran with the Agency's Secretariat, which include, inter alia, a combination of unannounced inspections and containment and surveillance measures at FEP. I trust that these arrangements will be implemented as agreed.

I also wish to refer to a letter dated 13 April 2007 from Mr. M. Khaniki (Ref No. M/137/315/1176) referring to the Agency's request to carry out a DIV at the Iran Nuclear Research Reactor (IR-40) in Arak. In the letter, Mr. Khaniki referred to Iran's decision to revert to the implementation of Code 3.1 as reflected in the Subsidiary Arrangements of 12 February 1976, stating that, as a consequence of that decision, the scheduling of a DIV for a facility which was in its preliminary construction state and far beyond receiving nuclear material was not justified.

As Your Excellency's authorities are aware, in accordance with Article 39 of Iran's Safeguards Agreement, agreed Subsidiary Arrangements cannot be modified unilaterally. I also wish to point out that Code 3.1 relates to the provision of design information and not to the frequency or timing of the Agency's verification of design information provided to it. In that light, I would ask again that Iran both reconsider its decision with regard to Code 3.1 and permit the Agency to carry out the DIV at IR-40 at the earliest opportunity.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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