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H. RES. 1307

Committing to ensuring that Iran will never acquire a nuclear weapon and supporting the important work of the International Atomic Energy Agency in safeguarding nuclear material around the globe.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2022

Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself and Mr. FLEISCHMANN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Committing to ensuring that Iran will never acquire a nuclear weapon and supporting the important work of the International Atomic Energy Agency in safeguarding nuclear material around the globe.

Whereas Congress and several successive Presidential administrations have long sought to prevent Iran from ever acquiring a nuclear weapon;

Whereas it is currently estimated that Iran is almost to the point of having enough highly enriched nuclear material to produce a nuclear weapon, if further enriched;

Whereas, on March 3, 2020, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General reported to the Agency's Board of Governors that nuclear material was found at 3 previously undisclosed locations in Iran;

Whereas the IAEA reported it began investigating this matter pursuant to Iran's IAEA safeguards obligations in 2019;

Whereas the IAEA and the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran announced an agreement on March 5, 2022, wherein Iran committed to provide the IAEA with information and documents in response to the IAEA's questions related to uranium particles discovered at undeclared sites in Iran;

Whereas, on June 6, 2022, the Director General of the IAEA stated that "Iran has not provided explanations that are technically credible in relation to the Agency's findings at three undeclared locations in Iran. Nor has Iran informed the Agency of the current location, or locations, of the nuclear material and/or of the equipment contaminated with nuclear material, that was moved from Turqzabad in 2018";

Whereas, on June 8, 2022, the IAEA Board of Governors overwhelmingly adopted a resolution calling on Iran to cooperate with the IAEA on an urgent basis to fulfill its safeguards obligations and expressing profound concern with Iran's insufficient substantive cooperation thus far, with 30 Board Members voting in favor, 2 voting against, and 3 abstaining;

Whereas the IAEA Board of Governors resolution called upon Iran to "act on an urgent basis to fulfill its legal obligations and, without delay, take up the Director General's offer of further engagement to clarify and resolve all outstanding safeguards issues";

Whereas shortly before the IAEA Board of Governors vote adopting the resolution, Iran announced it would remove

27 IAEA cameras installed to monitor the separate issue of Iran's JCPOA commitments at certain Iranian facilities and Iran has since followed through on disconnecting these cameras; and

Whereas following the vote of the IAEA Board of Governors, Iran informed the IAEA it would install additional cascades of advanced IR-6 centrifuges at its Natanz facility, and Iran has since followed through on installing these advanced centrifuges: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reiterates its commitment to ensuring Iran
3 will never acquire a nuclear weapon;

4 (2) supports the important work of the IAEA
5 in safeguarding nuclear material around the globe;

6 (3) condemns Iran for its lack of transparency
7 and meaningful cooperation with the IAEA on this
8 unresolved matter of uranium particles discovered at
9 undeclared sites in Iran and for its additional
10 escalatory actions related to its nuclear program;
11 and

12 (4) applauds the IAEA Board of Governors res-
13 olution urging Iran's full cooperation with the IAEA
14 on outstanding safeguards issues on an urgent basis.

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