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**Statement by
Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
after the decision by the IAEA board of governors**

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), made the following comments today after the unanimous adoption of a resolution by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) board of governors concerning the Iranian nuclear issue:

"I am pleased that IAEA has been able to verify Iran's full and complete suspension of uranium enrichment activities, following the confirmation by Iran that it will apply in full the Paris Agreement of 15 November. We look to Iran to maintain this full suspension without exception, under the verification of the IAEA.

Now the work on solid long term arrangements can proceed rapidly. This work should aim at providing lasting confidence in the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme.

In parallel, the negotiations on a Trade and Cooperation Agreement will resume, as the European Council have decided. The EU is determined to reach a positive outcome in these negotiations.

Working together in a constructive spirit, I believe we now have the chance for a new chapter in our relationship with Iran."