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IAEA Board Resolution on Iran

Secretary Condoleezza Rice

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I welcome today's action by the International Atomic Energy Agency Board of Governors to report Iran's dossier to the United Nations Security Council. The strong majority in favor of the resolution, representing all regions of the world, underscores the concern of the entire international community about Iran's nuclear program.

We hope the Iranian regime will heed this clear message. The world will not stand by if Iran continues on the path to a nuclear weapons capability. Today's resolution makes clear the steps Iran's regime must take. It must suspend enrichment-related and reprocessing activities, cooperate fully with the IAEA, and return to the negotiating process based on the previously agreed terms.

The Iran issue will now be in the domain of the Security Council as well as of the IAEA. We will continue to consult closely with our European allies, Russia, China and many other members of the international community in the coming days and weeks, in this new diplomatic phase.

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