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Tehran hosting an international disarmament conference

The Press & Public Relations Section of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of the opportunity to inform you that an international disarmament conference will be held in Tehran on 17 – 18 April 2010.

The conference, entitled “Nuclear Energy For All, Nuclear Weapons For No one” is an indication of Iran’s seriousness about the right of all nations to benefit from the peaceful use of nuclear energy for development purposes, and its rejection of the idea of making, stockpiling and deployment of nuclear weapons by any country, as well as the desire for a world totally free of nuclear weapons.

Iran’s holding of this conference is very much in line with its policy of advocating disarmament of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) over the past 40 years. In this regard it has a proven record as follows:

1. Membership in the IAEA since establishment
2. Signatory to NPT since 1971, one of the first to sign,
3. Proposal of Middle East free of nuclear weapons to the AGM of the UN General Assembly in 1974
4. Active participation in Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (CPCW) due to itself being a victim of such weapons
5. Membership in other conventions such as convention on prevention of microbial weapons, outer space, and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT)
6. Cooperation with the IAEA, particularly in the past 7 years; voluntary implementation for two and a half years of the Additional Protocol

The participants at the Tehran conference will be officials from over 60 countries, nuclear scientists, experts, international organizations and NGOs.

The conference, expected to be held regularly in the future, will aim to provide a platform for discussions about disarmament, by all, of nuclear, chemical, and other weapons of mass destruction. An historical opportunity will be provided for all the countries aspiring for a halt to arms race and the decommissioning and dismantling of all nuclear weapons to address all political, legal, technical, and safety aspects of disarmament and offer strategic approaches towards fulfilment of this noble objective. The end goal is to achieve a Comprehensive Disarmament Convention.

