

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC
OF IRAN IN EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF REPLY**

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Mr. Chairman,

The Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirms its inherent right to self-defense in accordance with the Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations and reserves its right to employ all necessary means to safeguard its people, its sovereignty, and its territorial integrity,

Our defensive operations have been solely against the bases of the terrorist army of the United States in the region, its facilities, and military assets that serve as the source of aggression against Iran and therefore constitute legitimate military objectives.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has previously warned neighboring States that any use of their territory, airspace, military bases and facilities for hostile acts against Iran would render such bases and facilities legitimate targets for a proportionate response.

The published images of the launch of short-range American missiles and the remnants of those missiles in the deserts of Arab countries along the Persian Gulf, as well as confirmations by the CENTCOM of using HIMARS missiles against Iran, place responsibility on these countries- which they cannot simply ignore.

I emphasize that, based on well-documented historical evidence, the body of water in our region is known as the Persian Gulf. The use of alternative fabricated names is unacceptable.

My delegation also categorically rejects the fabricated and absurd accusations made by the United States delegation. These allegations represent unfounded narratives repeatedly used for political purposes. All chemical facilities in Iran are under the verification regime of the OPCW, and the peaceful nature of our chemical activities and facilities has been consistently confirmed by the Technical Secretariat.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has, on many occasions and through formal channels, raised its concerns regarding certain military chemical activities of the United States. According to its own sources, the United States continues to

develop so-called non-lethal weapons and is pursuing projects aimed at the weaponization of psychoactive substances and synthetic opioid-based agents.

Finally, the response of my delegation to the baseless accusations raised by the European Union will be submitted as an attachment to this statement.

I thank you.

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC
OF IRAN IN EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF REPLY TO THE EU'S
UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATION AGAINST THE I. R. IRAN**

The allegations contained in the EU statement dated 1 March 2026 are baseless, politically motivated, and reflective of a continued pattern of double standards by certain European countries. As consistently emphasized by Iranian officials, such accusations are not only lacking credible evidence but also constitute interference in Iran's internal affairs and sovereign rights.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates that its nuclear program has been entirely peaceful and remains within the framework of its international obligations under the NPT. European parties' attempts to misrepresent Iran's activities lack legal foundation, particularly given their own failure to uphold commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) following the unilateral withdrawal of the United States.

Furthermore, Iran firmly rejects claims regarding its regional policies and defense capabilities. Iran's policies in the region are guided by the principles of self-defense, regional stability, and respect for sovereignty. The European Union's call for restraint by the I.R.Iran is selective and contradictory, particularly as they have remained silent or complicit in the face of ongoing aggression and violations of international law by the US and Israeli regime in the region.

The European Union's continued reliance on sanctions and pressure policy toward Iran demonstrates a misguided and counterproductive approach. Such measures are illegal, violate fundamental principles of international law, and will neither alter Iran's legitimate policies nor contribute to regional peace. Iran reserves the right to take appropriate and proportionate measures in response to any hostile actions.

The Islamic Republic of Iran emphasizes that genuine stability in the region cannot be achieved through external pressure or selective political narratives. Instead, it requires respect for sovereignty, an end to double standards, and accountability for all violations of international law, without exception.

Iran remains committed to diplomacy based on mutual respect and equality, and calls on the European Union to reconsider its current course, which risks further undermining constructive engagement and regional stability.