

We, the Republic of France, are honored and delighted to take part in this unprecedented and opportune moment in history. Every delegate here is an intelligent and capable leader, whose work has brought honor to their home state. We are certain that this conference will reach an amicable agreement by the end of this process. We, the proud Republic of France, are here to discuss the increasing *conflite* of Iran's nuclear program. The time for the discussion began long ago, therefore it is crucial we solve these issues in the coming days.

The advantages of a peaceful nuclear technology program are many, as France has seen through our energy and medical technology initiatives. Since the 1960's, France has amassed and maintained the third largest nuclear program in the world, with 78% of our electricity coming from nuclear sources. This expertise in nuclear technology makes us a great asset to these discussions. Meanwhile, we have remained a leader in nuclear disarmament, including the disarmament of 175 of our own warheads and our continued commitment to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Our intelligence tells us that if Iran were to begin enriching their current stock of uranium they may have nuclear weapons as soon as 2010. This is not an acceptable outcome in the eyes of France, or for the international community at large. We hope that our role in this conference will be as mediators between the east and the west powers.

Now is the time for us to determine the security for the next global generation. A peaceable resolution at this conference reached on the world stage will allow the growing

presence of life-changing nuclear technology to continue while allowing the world to feel secure.

The truth of the matter is that in order for this solution to take place, Iran must regain the trust of the other states. Iran has an opportunity this weekend to gain a higher position of respect among the world's greatest powers. But to do this, Iran must sign and ratify an IAEA solution that includes full transparency. This full transparency can be attained by Iran allowing France to assist in their uranium enrichment program, and for Iran to ensure its exclusive civilian use. However, we emphasize the fact that it is imperative that a resolution be attained at this conference in order for our nations and our world as a whole to continue to function peacefully.

Our delegation will not back any new security threats among these countries. An accord cannot be reached among quibbling nations. The goal here today should be a peace that can be reached through civil diplomacy, not violence. Our main focus here is to ensure continued global safety and Iran rebuilding its trust with the world community.

We are very optimistic that the following days will be a success and are confident that with our help as an international state, an accord can be reached.