

# Termination of UNSCR 2231 Provisions

## Summary of the Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran

The Iranian Foreign Ministry has issued a statement on the termination of restrictions imposed by the United Nations Security Council on the country's missile activity as it warns that any more restrictions imposed on the country's missile program by other entities and governments would be a violation of US resolutions. Following is the text of the statement issued on Wednesday by the Ministry on the occasion of the termination of UN restrictions on Iran's missile program: Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the Termination of Certain Provisions of the UNSCR 2231, 18 October 2023



**1** As of today, 18 October 2023, the last part of unjustly imposed restrictions by the United Nations Security Council on missile-related activities and its associated services and technology to/from the Islamic Republic of Iran, including asset freeze and financial restrictions on certain Iranian individuals and entities, terminated unconditionally. According to the provisions of 2231 UNSCR, termination of these restrictions, does not require any resolution, statement or any other action in the context of the UNSC and occurred automatically.

**2** According to UNSCR 2231, as of 18 October 2023:

**2.1.** In accordance with paragraph 3 of Annex B, Iran is no longer 'called upon' by the Security Council 'not to undertake any activity related to ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons. It should be emphasized that Iran's ballistic missile program has never been inconsistent with the provisions of this paragraph.

**2.2.** Provisions of paragraph 4 of Annex B to the resolution regarding restrictions on the transfer of missile-related items, goods, services and technology to/from Iran, terminated.

**2.3.** Provisions of subparagraphs 6(c) and 6(d) of Annex B of the resolution regarding restrictions on activities and financial services of certain Iranian individuals and entities on the 2231 list terminated automatically. The terminated restrictions include those on providing funds, financial assets and economic resources by nationals of UN Member States or any individuals and entities within their territories to individuals and entities on the 2231 list.

**3** It should be recalled that, according to paragraph 5 of Annex B of the UNSCR 2231, as of 18 October 2020, all restrictions on arms-related transfers to/from the Islamic Republic of Iran and its associated services, had already terminated. Additionally, according to paragraph 6 (e) of Annex B to the resolution, as of 18 October 2020, all restrictions regarding entry into or transit through the territories of UN Member States on certain Iranian nationals, had already terminated automatically. Termination of these restrictions is reflected in the Secretary General's report S/2020/1177 dated 7 December 2020.



**4** As of today, there will be no restrictions on the transfer of missile-related items, services and technology to/from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and cooperation in all military and defense areas will be carried out, without any restriction, based on the needs and discretion of the Islamic Republic of Iran, within the framework of bilateral contracts with other countries.

**5** According to paragraph 2 of UNSCR 2231, the Council calls upon all Member States to support the implementation of the JCPOA as an Annex to the resolution and refrain from any action that undermines the implementation of the JCPOA. In this regard, the Islamic Republic of Iran, by recalling the provisions of the UN charter, in particular article 25 as well as provisions of UNSCR 2231, emphasizes on the commitments of all Member States to effectuate the termination of the above-mentioned restrictions at the national level. Iran expects all States to modify and revise, in the case of existence, any relevant restriction or sanction, according to their domestic legal system.

**6** It should be underlined that any measure, at the national or regional level, aiming at imposing sanctions or restrictions on defensive engagements and cooperation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, is in contradiction with the termination of restrictions of UNSCR 2231, in particular paragraphs 1 and 2 and the timetable foreseen therein, and violates the resolution substantively. The Islamic Republic of Iran reserves its right to take appropriate measures to secure its national interests.



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**7** The defense doctrine of the Islamic Republic of Iran has always been on the basis of domestic capabilities and capacities, and deeply rooted in resistance and power of the Iranian Nation. Unconventional arms and weapons of mass destruction have no place in the defense doctrine of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Moreover, the Islamic Republic of Iran will continue to take necessary measures to strengthen its defense capabilities in order to protect its sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity against any aggression and to counter the menace of terrorism in the region. In this context, Iranian military capabilities, including ballistic missiles, are exclusively for self-defense.

**8** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran recalls and emphasizes the provisions of S/2015/550 dated 20 July 2015, registered following the adoption of UNSCR 2231. The Islamic Republic of Iran continues to insist that all sanctions and restrictive measures introduced and applied against Iran, including those imposed under the pretext of its nuclear program, have been baseless, unjust and unlawful.