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(U//FOUO) IRAN: IAEA REPORTS ON EXPANDING NUCLEAR PROGRAM

On 28 February, IAEA Director General Grossi published a technical report on Iran's commitments under the JCPOA that highlighted Tehran's efforts to expand its enrichment facilities and consent to increased IAEA inspections after inspectors found 83.7-percent enriched uranium particles at its Fordow Fuel Enrichment Plant. Iran had declared its limit to be 60 percent in November 2022. The report also identifies a discrepancy in the amount of natural uranium metal that Iran dissolved at its Esfahan facility, which Iran is addressing with the IAEA. The director general's report was factual in nature, with the IAEA avoiding the question of intent about Iran's enrichment activities. The IAEA is preparing a second report on outstanding safeguards issues with Iran that is expected to publish on 4 March after Grossi meets with Iranian President Raisi in Tehran. (Near East EU, 1 Mar)

(TS//SI-G//OC/NF/FISA) ISRAEL: MOSSAD ENCOURAGES PROTESTS AGAINST NEW GOVERNMENT OVER PROPOSED JUDICIAL REFORMS

In early to mid-February, Israeli Secret Intelligence Service (Mossad) leaders advocated for Mossad officials and Israeli citizens to protest against the new Israeli Government's proposed judicial reforms, including several explicit calls to action that decried the Israeli Government, according to signals intelligence. (CIA Intel Update, 1 Mar; Z-G/00/121581-23)

(U//FOUO) ISRAEL: NATIONAL SECURITY MINISTER CALLS FOR OFFENSIVE SECURITY POLICY, CLAIMS PALESTINIAN PLANNED TO KILL HIM

On 28 February, National Security Minister Ben Gvir called for an "offensive hand" instead of a policy of containment following the killings of three Israelis by Palestinians in the last two days, according to a press report. Separately, on 28 February, Ben Gvir said police had arrested a Palestinian several weeks ago who was planning to assassinate him, according to a press report. (CIA Intel Update, 1 Mar; CIA 50125415520; AFP202302281614370370)