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Subject: Report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Iran's nuclear programme

The latest report by the IAEA, dated 8 November 2011, expresses in exceptionally clear terms concern about 'possible military dimensions to Iran's nuclear programme', which are apparently indicated by the information it has gathered.

Nuclear experts indicate in the report that Iran's nuclear programme comprises both a civil and a military component, the military component being specifically associated with nuclear weapons.

The report also states that Iran has a technology which is used to produce atom bombs and that the country has enough material to produce four such bombs.

According to the report, the information gathered points to Iran's having carried out 'activities related to the development of a nuclear payload for a missile'. The IAEA, based in Vienna, has also stated that until 2003 Iran had a structured programme, some of whose activities 'may still be ongoing'.

What is the European Union's position with regard to the latest IAEA report on Iran's nuclear programme? What measures is the European Union preparing in view of the findings set out in the IAEA report?