

## House of Lords debate on Iran: Missile Threat

Wednesday, 28 February 2007

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Lord Triesman: My Lords, the United Nations is very clear, since the adoption of Security Council Resolution 1737, that we cannot accept or tolerate the development of nuclear weapons. We entirely remain supporters of people's right to have peaceful nuclear energy programmes. The United Nations resolution also includes sanctions against any potential delivery systems, including missile technology control provisions. All those remain at the centre of discussions that have been taking place this week. Those discussions have not yet reached a

conclusion. <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200607/ldhansrd/text/70226-0001.htm>