

IAEA Board of Governors Meeting

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Any Other Business – Nuclear Security

Madam Chair,

- I have the honor to speak on behalf of the following countries:
Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Ghana, Germany, Hungary, Italy, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States, and my country Nigeria.
- 2019 is an important year for preparations related to nuclear security events. Planning is fully underway for the February 2020 International Conference on Nuclear Security, which will be an important forum for Member States to exchange best practices and solutions to addressing current issues in nuclear security.

- We thank the Division of Nuclear Security for its ongoing efforts in this regard and welcome the progress made so far.
- We also welcome the ongoing work of the programme committee led by Ambassadors Omar Youssef of Egypt and Svetoslav Spassov of Bulgaria to develop the scientific programme of the Conference.
- We look forward to working with all Member States toward a strong ministerial declaration that we can all support. In this light, we encourage Member States to send ministerial-level representation to the Conference. High-level representation provides the framework for and demonstrates a commitment to fulfilling the critical activities for building a strong nuclear security regime.
- DG Amano announced the co-presidents for the International Conference on Nuclear Security in his opening remarks. We congratulate Ambassadors Anabella Guardia de Rubinoff of Panama and Cristian Istrate of Romania for taking up this role. We look forward to constructively working with you towards a successful Conference.
- Preparations are also underway for the 2021 Conference of the Parties to review the Amendment to the CPPNM. We encourage the Secretariat to continue to engage with Member States as it prepares for this conference.

- The IAEA, through the Nuclear Security Guidance Committee, will also be considering a review of the Fundamentals and Recommendations-level guidance documents within the Nuclear Security Series. Given the vast number of Member States that utilize these important documents, we encourage Member States to actively participate in these meetings.

Madam Chair,

- In light of the upcoming events, it is important to recognize the IAEA's significant efforts on nuclear security these past months.
- In particular, we warmly welcome the IAEA's recent outreach efforts with Member States through the technical briefings on January 21 and 28 that provided a useful overview of the tools and activities the Division of Nuclear Security conducts to promote nuclear security globally. We appreciate the focus on Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plans and the Division's work planning process, including its plans for implementing the 2018-2021 Nuclear Security Plan.
- We took note of the efforts made by the Secretariat in providing information on how the IAEA coordinates across the relevant Departments to deliver comprehensive assistance to Member States. We hope to continue to hear more on these efforts. We would like to thank the Secretariat for these useful

briefings and encourage the Agency to continue to engage closely with Member States on its nuclear security activities.

- We also took note of the idea of establishing a communications plan: communicating and explaining the impact of the IAEA's nuclear security activities, with Member States and with the public, is an important element for enhancing support to relevant nuclear safety and security measures. We look forward to learning more about it.
- Thank you Chair.