

Introductory Remarks

Agenda Item 3 –Nuclear security, including measures to protect against nuclear and radiological terrorism: Nuclear Security Report 2011

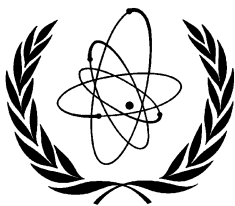
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Mister Chairman,

I would like to provide you with a brief introduction for the agenda item 3, on the report by the Director General on “Nuclear security, including measures to protect against nuclear and radiological terrorism: Nuclear Security Report 2011”.

The report has been produced in accordance with last year’s General Conference resolution which asked the Director General to submit an annual report on activities undertaken by the Agency in the area of nuclear security, highlighting significant accomplishments of the prior year and indicating programmatic goals and priorities for the year to come. This report was subject to a briefing for Member States on 8 September by Mr. Khammar Mrabit, Director of the Nuclear Security Office.

The Office of Nuclear Security has continued to maintain a high level of programme delivery, in particular, through the finalization of the top level Nuclear Security Series document entitled *Fundamentals of a State’s Nuclear security Regime: Objectives and Essential Elements* and the publication of the three recommendation-level publications entitled NSS 13 *Nuclear Security Recommendations on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities (INFCIRC/225/Revision 5)*, NSS14 *Nuclear Security Recommendations on Radioactive Material and Associated Facilities* and NSS 15 *Nuclear Security Recommendations on Nuclear and Other Radioactive Material out of Regulatory Control*. These four high level publications in the Agency’s

Nuclear Security Series documents should make a major contribution to national efforts to establish effective and sustainable nuclear security frameworks. We are also working on the finalization of the publication of Nuclear Security Recommendations on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials and Nuclear Facilities as INFCIRC/225/Rev.5. Member States are encouraged to implement these nuclear security recommendations.

I would like to briefly highlight the steps on Goals and Priorities for the coming year contained in the final section of the report. I believe that this sets out a clear path for the further development of a programme which provides for greater Member State involvement in the development and implementation of universally applicable guidance documents. The aim is also to build on the areas where the Agency, in close cooperation with Member States, can add the greatest value by focusing on promoting self-assessment methodologies and approaches, providing peer reviews and advisory services, strengthening capacity building and human resource development, establishing collaborative knowledge networks, and improving programme planning and prioritization.

Mister Chairman,

The recommended actions again draw attention to the need to bring the amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials into force. The DG has already referred to this in his opening remarks. The importance of this amendment has been raised in

many fora, and we must keep nuclear security as a constant focus to ensure that the international community moves forward in the development of nuclear applications in safe, secure and peaceful manner.

It is recommended that the Board of Governors:

- a. Take note of the Nuclear Security Report 2011;
- b. Transmit this Report to the General Conference with a recommendation that Member States continue to contribute on a voluntary basis to the Nuclear Security Fund;
- c. Note that six years after its adoption, the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material has still not entered into force;
- d. Call upon States to adhere to the Amendment and to promote its early entry into force; encourage all States to act in accordance with the object and purpose of the Amendment until such time as it enters into force; implement the legally binding and non-binding international nuclear security related instruments; invite States to make full use of the assistance available for this purpose through participation in the Agency's nuclear security programme; and
- e. Encourage all States to participate in the Illicit Trafficking Database programme.

Thank you Mister Chairman.