

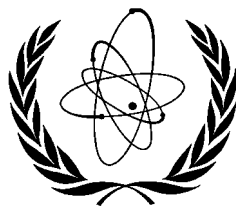
**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**  
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**INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**

Mr. Chairman.

I would like to provide you with a brief introduction for items 5a and 5b of the Agenda.

Concerning activities for the implementation of the IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety under Agenda item 5a, in September we will provide the second detailed yearly report on the Progress in the Implementation of the Action Plan on Nuclear Safety, covering the period 2012-2013. In preparing this report, we will again endeavour to answer requests from Member States concerning information on:

- an assessment of the effectiveness of the work that has been carried out in the framework of the Action Plan during the course of the last year;
- the work we are planning to perform in the next year along with the intended outcomes, with a general timeline of the Action Plan; and
- the cost of the activities involved in the implementation of the action Plan in terms of current and future expenditure.

I would now like to provide you with some further information on the preparation of the IAEA Fukushima Comprehensive report. Approximately 130 experts from more than 40 Member States and from international organizations participated last March in the first meeting of the five Working Groups assisting the Secretariat in drafting the Report. At that meeting the Working Groups agreed on a draft Table of Contents and a timeline for the preparation of the report. The Working

Groups will meet again next week to continue their activities and start drafting the report. We also gathered the members of the International Technical Advisory Group (ITAG), comprising representatives of international organisations, established to advise on the technical/scientific aspects and accuracy of the report. As the DG Stated in his introductory statement to this BoG, “it is a major undertaking and I am grateful to all Member States which are in a position to provide support”.

At the Fukushima Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety last year we made available reports on the first three international experts’ meetings (IEMs) held in 2012. We are keeping our pace of work on IEMs, now preparing a report for the 4th IEM on Decommissioning and Remediation after a Nuclear Accident held in January. In addition, we are preparing a report on the regulatory lessons learned from the Effective Nuclear Regulatory Systems Conference held in April in Ottawa, Canada, and also a report on the lessons learned in the area of Emergency Preparedness and Response. The 5th IEM was held late last month, on Human and Organizational Factors in Nuclear Safety in the Light of the Accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant. The objective of this IEM was to discuss ways to improve nuclear safety by addressing human and organizational behaviour, and we will prepare a report on this IEM in due course.

Since the last Board meeting, the first meeting of the “Effectiveness and Transparency” Working Group, established during the Second Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the

Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS), was held in March 2013. A second meeting of the WG was also held last month. The WG identified fourteen areas where improvements could be introduced to strengthen the processes of the CNS or the CNS itself, including taking account of the IAEA Safety Standards, Effectiveness of Regulatory Bodies and Safety Culture. The WG will produce a final report before the end of November this year for consideration at the 6th Review Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the CNS which will be held in March 2014.

Mr. Chairman,

Turning now to item 5b of the agenda, the Addendum to the **Safety Requirements on Safety of Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facilities (NS-R-5)** provides two additional appendices establishing specific safety requirements for reprocessing facilities (Appendix IV) and fuel cycle research and development facilities (Appendix V).

This addendum completes the establishment of the safety requirements for nuclear fuel cycle facilities at both the front end and back end, and allows for developing Safety Guides on the reprocessing and research and development fuel cycle facilities.

Thank you Mister Chairman.