

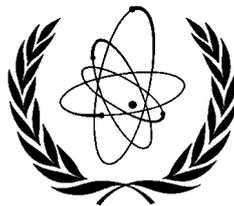
**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT
FOR THE
LAUNCH OF PIANOS**

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Your excellency, honorable representatives of the Permanent Missions of Brazil, Mexico and European Union, Ladies and Gentlemen, my dear colleagues, good afternoon... and also good morning.

I am very pleased to be with you today to take part in the launch of a new web information sharing platform called PIANOS.

No, PIANOS **Plataforma Ibero Americana Nuclear de Operadores** en el área de **Seguridad** is not a new instrument to play music, but a knowledge network dedicated to support collaboration and knowledge sharing among operators from the Latin-American nuclear power community.

PIANOS' key mission—no pun intended—is to provide the Latin-American nuclear operators' community with a venue to share safety experience and a forum to raise questions where professionals can then respond and advise. For example, when issues arise, fostering a dialogue among operators can aid in finding solutions fast. This is of special benefit to operators, given the financial constraints and traveling logistics, professionals can quickly and easily exchange information through PIANOS, shortening the distance, time and costs between problems and solutions. Another benefit PIANOs provides is the ability for professionals to exchange information in their native language; thus members can increase the flow and transfer of information and gain a much better understanding of the issues and information by avoiding language and cultural barriers that can sometimes occur.

As you may be aware, we already have a number of support networks like GNSSN, ANNuR, FNRBA, and we also have El Foro Iberoamericano de Organismos Reguladores Radiológicos y Nucleares (FORO) to assist our Member States. However, PIANOS is the first platform of its kind to be dedicated to operators to help achieve Safety, foster information exchanges and sharing good practices among all staff at all level of nuclear operations. As stated in our Safety Standards, Operators have the prime responsibility for safety. Despite all measures taken, accidents may occur. That is why it is so important that operator safety can be strengthened, enhanced and supported so that lessons may be learned, shared and acted upon.

Conclusion

This platform has the potential to positively strengthen safety culture among nuclear power plant operators.

As PIANOS becomes more and more successful, we will look into promoting its expansion in cooperation with the FORO but also possibly to extend or emulate into other regions.

I consider this event today a great opportunity for everyone to play PIANOs—expanding our efforts on strengthening nuclear safety through using innovative, web-based communication tools.

Thank you for joining me at this web launch and for your kind attention.