

**Closing Remarks:
International Conference on Advances in Nuclear Forensics,
7 -10 July 2014 (CN-218)**

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Scheduled 12:00 – 12:30 on 10 July in Board Room A

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

During the past three and a half days we have heard from you regarding the crucial role nuclear forensics play within a nuclear security infrastructure supporting both law enforcement investigations and nuclear security vulnerability assessments. This conference provided the forum to bring 350 participants from 100 States to Vienna to share experience and set priorities for advancing nuclear forensics state-of-practice.

I am very grateful for Her Excellency Ambassador Suzanne le Jeune d'Allegershecque to have expertly conducted your deliberations, and to you all for sharing your knowledge and expertise for the benefit of all our Member States.

I want also to particularly thank our international partners: the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism, Interpol, and the Nuclear Forensics International Technical Working Group for their valued contribution to the Conference.

As we have seen this week, nuclear forensics is a community of scientists, law enforcement officials, responders, policy and decision makers who share a common commitment to nuclear

forensic as a capability for States to use, to fulfill their nuclear security obligations to secure all nuclear and other radioactive materials used, produced, transported or stored for which they have responsibility.

Nuclear forensics requires international cooperation since the threat of nuclear terrorism affects us all. Shared solutions to this serious threat benefit our confidence in nuclear forensics as an effective tool to deter, prevent and respond.

The Conference acts as a witness of the existence of a community interested in nuclear forensics. It strengthened a common understanding of the lessons learned in this field. They concern nuclear forensics implementation, the advancements in the science, national efforts to build nuclear forensics into a national response plan, and link policy requirements moving forward to strengthen national efforts in nuclear forensics. Through common solutions, regular exchanges of information, and consensus practices adopted after this conference we are confident that nuclear forensics will flourish and grow in understanding and effectiveness in the next ten years as it has in the past (probably more).

With the results from the international conference this week we are better positioned to continue our efforts. I thank you for many and important contributions, particularly as they relate to strengthening the IAEA in its role to provide nuclear forensics assistance, upon request, to our Member States. We are committed to continue our cooperation with our international partners and continue serving our Member States through the development of international guidance within the

Nuclear Security Series, and to help States, on their request, to provide for their application through education and training, peer review and advisory services, and Coordinated Research Projects.

I wish you all the best success in the important and continuing work you do to ensure globally the peaceful, safe and secure uses of nuclear science and technology.

I wish you a safe and secure travel back home.

The conference is adjourned.