

Statement of the UAE to the IAEA International Conference on Nuclear Security
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Mr. President, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

My delegation expresses appreciation to the IAEA for convening this important conference.

I express my gratitude for the president of the conference, his excellency minister Yun Byung-se and for his country's efforts towards this conference .

Special thanks to the Co-Chairs of the preparatory process for the Ministerial Declaration, HE Ambassador Young-wan of the Republic of Korea and HE Ambassador Ayoko of Nigeria for their hard and successful work.

UAE has embarked on the development of its nuclear energy program under the government nuclear policy framework issued in 2008, which highlighted Government strategies and the commitments in pursuing the development of a nuclear energy program.

The commitment to the highest standards of nuclear security was one of the key principles set out in the government's policy.

Strengthening nuclear security is an urgent priority in light of the expansion in the use of nuclear and radioactive materials worldwide,

with the necessity of taking into account the increased risk posed by nuclear terrorism and the serious threats that may be encountered as a result of malicious acts using nuclear or radiological materials.

It is the responsibility of the states to ensure that all effective measures are in place to maintain high levels of nuclear security.

UAE welcomes the advances made by IAEA member states in developing and enhancing their national security regimes, and pleased to note the positive impact of international cooperation and IAEA support on strengthening nuclear security globally.

We welcome the entry into force of the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection on Nuclear Material (CPPNM),

the entry into force of the amendment provides for strengthened measures to address the increasing challenges in nuclear security.

Mr. President ,

The UAE underlines the importance of the IAEA's work in field of nuclear security ; The Agency provides assistance to member states to ensure the full compliance to relevant conventions and the adequacy of the measures in place .

UAE is keen to take advantage of the valuable support provided by agency . we have implemented an Integrated Nuclear Security Support plan with the IAEA and have received multiple peer-review services including IAEA International Physical Protection Advisory Service (IPPAS) mission in November this year.

The UAE reiterates its position in promoting nuclear security through international coordination, cooperation and sharing of best practices.

The IAEA provides a valuable venue for such international cooperation through facilitating support, and convening important meetings and conferences such as this important conference.

In support of international cooperation , UAE has been an active participant in the Nuclear Security Summit series since its inception in 2010, including the most recent one held in Washington this year.

UAE has hosted the 2013 International conference on the safety and security of radioactive sources, which focused on developing strategies and techniques for maintaining security and continuous monitoring of radioactive sources throughout their life cycle.

UAE has also been active in regional cooperation , we hosted in Feb this year in Abu Dhabi, the first Inter-Arab Nuclear Detection and Response Exercise, FALCON.

On countering Nuclear Smuggling, UAE has made major advancements at the national legal and institutional framework for export and import control , through the introduction of a series of updates to its legislation since 2007,

A newly updated regulation was issued in 2014 on the Export and Import Control of Nuclear Material, Nuclear Related Items and Nuclear Related Dual-Use Items.

Mr. President,

UAE is committed to continuously maintaining and further strengthening nuclear security through national efforts and international cooperation.

We welcome the adoption of the Ministerial Declaration at this conference and look forward to continue working with the IAEA and its member states to this end.

Thank you Mr. President.