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TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**

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Sustaining and Strengthening Efforts (ICONS 2020)**

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Mr. President,

At the outset, my delegation wishes to thank the IAEA for hosting the third International Conference on Nuclear Security. We are confident that this Conference continues to strengthen IAEA's role in nuclear security.

Mr. President,

Nuclear security continues to remain high on the global agenda.

Nuclear security is an issue that needs to be addressed by the international community.

As a country with nuclear weapon free zone status, Mongolia attaches an importance to nuclear security and is fully committed to nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament.

As it has been affirmed by the international community, the IAEA has a central role in strengthening the nuclear security and in coordinating nuclear security activities.

Mongolia welcomes the Agency's continued efforts to assist Member States to build and develop their nuclear security capacity, including facilitation of the implementation of relevant international legal instruments, development of nuclear security recommendations, as well as to support the establishment of effective, sustainable and comprehensive national nuclear security infrastructure.

Mongolia also appreciates the continued efforts of the Agency to develop and implement Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plans (INSSPs) to assist Member States in applying a structured and holistic approach to nuclear security improvements including through capacity building and increased coordination.

INSSP of Mongolia was approved in September 2015, covers all aspects of nuclear security, including human resources development, border detection and radioactive source security. Under the Plan a national workshop on threat assessment

and the design basis threat was held in Ulaanbaatar in August 2017. Furthermore, we developed of a national nuclear security detection capability. With a view to achieving a further progress, we will conduct INSSP Review Meeting in June, this year.

Mr. President,

The Government of Mongolia has been making its efforts to strengthen nuclear security legal framework. The Regulation on Security of Radiation Sources was adopted in 2015 and Model Security Plan for Radiation Facilities has been developed last year.

We recognize that IAEA's information system on incidents of illicit trafficking and other unauthorized activities and events involving nuclear and other radioactive material outside of regulatory control /ITDB/ is helpful to combating illicit nuclear trafficking.

Nuclear Security, together with nuclear safety and safeguards, is a crucial to the responsible and sustainable use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. These measures are the integral elements, which enable the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Therefore, it is important to deepen these understandings among all Member States through concrete cooperation in the field of IAEA projects.

Nuclear science and its application has become an essential part of our life. The development and use of nuclear science and technology for peaceful uses, particularly for developing countries, has become a significant necessity for achieving the sustainable development goals.

They provide great benefit to human beings in medicine, industry and many other areas. It is vitally important that these materials are protected from misuse by those who wish to do harm.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, I wish to reiterate Mongolia's commitment to supporting the Agency's role in nuclear security as well as working constructively with all partners in further enhancing nuclear security globally.

I thank you.