

**IAEA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR SECURITY  
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NATIONAL STATEMENT**

Mr President,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

1 My delegation thanks the IAEA for convening the third IAEA International Conference on Nuclear Security. It is a timely opportunity to take stock of the global security landscape, and redouble our efforts to strengthen nuclear security.

Mr President,

2 Singapore does not use nuclear energy. We do not have significant nuclear material or facilities. However, as a densely populated island city-state and global transport hub, we take our responsibilities very seriously. A nuclear incident of any scale could have catastrophic implications for us. Nuclear terrorism is also a plausible security threat, and one with dire consequences.

3           We therefore actively support international efforts to strengthen the global nuclear security architecture. Singapore is party to, and fully implements, all relevant international legal instruments on nuclear security, such as the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, and its 2005 Amendment; and the International Convention on the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. We support the Agency's preparations for the 2021 Review Conference of the Amended CPPNM. We encourage States that have not ratified the CPPNM and its Amendment to do so without delay.

Mr President,

4           Singapore remains committed to counter-proliferation and upholding our international obligations. We continually update our export control regime, including to fully implement the relevant Security Council resolutions. We also take action against entities that flout our laws, and adopt Financial Action Task Force Recommendations to combat proliferation financing. At our border, Singapore has a Protective, Analytical & Assessment Facility (PAAF) with a laboratory equipped to detect and analyse radiological and nuclear materials, which opened in 2016. In addition, we have an Integrated Cargo Inspection System (ICIS), which can detect abnormal radiation levels.

5 Singapore works actively with partners within and outside our region, for example, through the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI). We are a member of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism. We host the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation, which fosters information sharing among countries, to counter transnational threats and networks that exploit new technology. To aid global counter-proliferation efforts, Singapore will host a Regional Workshop on Nuclear Security Information Exchange and Coordination for South-East Asian Countries in April 2020.

Mr President,

6 Nuclear security and nuclear safety measures share the common goal of protecting our citizens and the environment. But there are no absolute guarantees. It is therefore essential to build relevant capabilities, in case of a nuclear or radiological incident, and to coordinate effectively with international mechanisms. Singapore's National Radiochemistry Laboratory (NRL) became a part of the ALMERA network in 2019. Together with our forty Ambient Radiation Monitoring Network (ARMNet) stations, we are actively monitoring Singapore's radioactivity levels. We also enhanced our National Authority's capacities in radiological incident management in 2019.

7 Singapore supports the IAEA's efforts to help Member States develop robust regulatory frameworks, and enhance their emergency preparedness and response (EPR) capabilities. Singapore and the IAEA jointly conducted a Regional Meeting on Combined Decision-Making Protocol/Public Communication Strategy in September 2019. This regional meeting allowed ASEAN experts to gather and draft the ASEAN Protocol for Preparedness and Response to a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency. In October 2019, Singapore and the IAEA also jointly conducted a Faculty Professional Development Course on Nuclear Security Education, to help faculty members in the Asia-Pacific region design and implement nuclear security curricula based on IAEA guidance and recommendations.

Mr President,

8 Nuclear security and nuclear safety remain crucial priorities for the international community. To this end, Singapore reaffirms our commitment to the shared goals of this Conference. We will continue to give our full and active support to Director General Grossi and the work of the Agency.

9 I thank you, Mr President.