

**Statement of the**

**Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and  
Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC)**

**Mr. Marco Marzo**

**Secretary**

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Representatives,

In July 1991, Argentina and Brazil signed the Agreement for the Exclusive Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy - the Bilateral Agreement that entered into force 6 months later.

The Bilateral Agreement created the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC) to apply a comprehensive safeguards system in the two countries in order to verify that all nuclear materials in all nuclear activities are used for exclusively peaceful purposes.

In its nearly 30 years of activity, ABACC has carried out about 3,000 safeguards inspections in nuclear facilities of both countries. ABACC verifies nuclear materials in 77 nuclear facilities with an inspection effort of about 1000 inspectors-day.

Despite all logistic problems associated with the pandemic, ABACC was able to continue performing its safeguards inspections in both countries due to the commitment and dedication of its officers and inspectors and to the intensive support from the National Authorities.

The successful implementation of the safeguards system that ABACC administers serves to promote the cooperation and the strengthening of ties of friendship and mutual confidence. It generates trust between the two nations that is a key element to strengthen national, regional and international security.

Thank you!