

SHORT REMARKS

GOVERNMENT OF PALAU

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Good Afternoon!

It is indeed a great honor to be here today with you all. I bring warm and felicitous greetings from my country, the Republic of Palau.

Excellences, President,

Distinguished Guests,

Honored Guests,

Board of Directors,

IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano,

Deputy Director General,

Director of Asia and the Pacific Department of
Technical Cooperation, Najat MOKHTAR

Secretariat and Support Staff,

All Program Support and Coordination Team,

Member States,

Last but not least, ladies and gentlemen:

Allow me to extend on behalf of the Government of Palau, Congratulations and profound solidarity to the IAEA for the successful opening of this 59th Regular Session of the General Conference.

Palau Government takes this opportunity to renew its highest assurances to the IAEA for its continued support and assistance rendered to the Government and the People of Palau.

The Government of the Republic of Palau faces a lot of challenges and being a new Member State of the IAEA, it lacks the necessary promotional and regulatory structure and infrastructure to ensure safe and secure utilization of nuclear science and technologies for socio-economic development, therefore, Palau will continue to request the Agency's support and assistance, extensively and with other partners to enable it to make highest priority and significance, to ensure a defined

common approach for effective integration of relevant nuclear techniques are developed into high-priority national programs pursuing our national roadmap into sustainable development.

At this juncture, allow me to take this opportunity to express my Government's sincere appreciation to the Agency for its in-depth consultation with Palau on the basis of a thorough study of what nuclear science and technology can contribute to the attainment of our national development objectives, taking into account the current state of nuclear applications and their usage in Palau.

As the Agency may be aware, the Government of Palau, in consultation with the IAEA Agency, focuses on its priority sectoral areas of human health, food and agriculture, water resource management, sustainable energy development, environmental protection, legislative framework, radiation safety and nuclear safety and security and human capacity development for cooperative activities.

Palau became a member of IAEA in March 2007 and initiated technical cooperation with the Agency in 2012 through 3 off-cycle national projects dealing with radiation safety, fruit fly control and diagnostic radiology as well as one regional project under the RCA regarding marine environment and for these, I thank the Agency Board of Governors, RCA Team, Department of Technical Cooperation Support Team and all the

members of the Agency who were instrumentally, engaged in making the assistance a reality for the Government of Palau.

As we all venture into the future, joining hands with the admirable and committed Agency of IAEA, we as Member States, applaud the best practices, lessons learned, cooperative activities and effective efforts rendered by IAEA to all our countries. My country, Palau will continue to seek support with the Agency on some of its common regional challenges, such as sustainable development by focusing on biodiversity and environmental protection, waste management, affordable and reliable energy and water resource management.

Distinguished and Honored Guests,

Chair,

I thank you for your undivided and valuable attention!

On behalf of the Government of Palau, let me convey best wishes of success to this 59th Regular Session of the General Conference.

Let us all be pro-actively engaged in our deliberations of our agenda for the improvement and betterment of the Agency and all our Member States for we face many challenges ahead.

May God Bless You All!

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