

**Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science,
Technology and Applications and the Technical
Cooperation Programme**

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Statement by Israel

Distinguished Co-Chairs, Ministers, Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,
At the outset, I would like to thank the co-Chairs from Finland and Ghana, IAEA Director General and the staff of the Agency for their dedicated efforts in preparing and materializing this important conference.

Israel would like to associate itself with the joint consensus declaration.

Israel attaches great importance to the IAEA's Technical Cooperation program. Along the years, Israel has taken part in many important national and regional projects in the fields of human health, agriculture and food security, radiation protection, energy and human resources development, among others.

Israel congratulates the IAEA on its many important flagship initiatives, which have served to further improve and strengthen its Technical Cooperation program. In this context, Israel intends to make financial contribution to the Atoms4Food initiative, conducted jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization, which aims to harness nuclear techniques for tackling growing food insecurity worldwide. Israel has also previously contributed financially to the ReNuAl 2 project, aimed at completing the modernization of the IAEA's nuclear applications laboratories at Seibersdorf, which provide an important scientific infrastructure for much of the TC program.

Israel further recognizes the importance of the Rays of Hope initiative, designed to improve access to radiotherapy facilities and techniques in middle- and low-income countries and made a contribution for this initiative in 2022.

Along the years, Israel's TC program in the field of health has included several projects on radiotherapy. Additionally, over the last decade Israel has conducted two inter-regional training courses on radiotherapy in its National Radiotherapy Training Center, in collaboration with the IAEA and with dozens of participants from over 15 countries across the region.

Israel fully supports the important goals of the Atoms for Net Zero initiative, designed to employ nuclear power in the transition to net zero. As part of the preparations for the upcoming TC biennium cycle, Israel has submitted a project for long term planning of its energy sector, with the ultimate aim of achieving net zero in accordance with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. Israel also fully supports the goals of the IAEA's NUTEC Plastics initiative.

Israel recognizes the importance of gender equality in general, and specifically in the nuclear field, and fully supports the IAEA's efforts to attract more qualified women into the field of nuclear sciences and to encourage women to pursue professional careers in the peaceful uses of nuclear sciences and technologies. Israel calls upon all member states to support and strive towards this important goal.

The sort of global challenges addressed by the IAEA Technical Cooperation program, know no national borders. International and particularly regional collaboration is therefore of the utmost importance for tackling these challenges. Over the years, Israel has participated in several regional TC projects in the Asia and the Pacific region, together with its neighbors, for the benefit of all. Israel remains committed to such regional projects and initiatives. It is our belief that such projects also contribute to mutual trust and cooperation within any region.

We urge all IAEA Member States to work together. It is our strong belief that Technical Cooperation is a core element of the Agency and should not be politicized.

I thank you, co-chairs, and wish us all a fruitful and productive conference.