

**STATEMENT**  
**of the Head of the Delegation of Ukraine**  
**at the 60th Session of the IAEA General Conference,**  
**(26-30 September 2016, Vienna)**

**Mr. President,**

Allow me to congratulate you on your election to preside over the 60th session of the General Conference of the IAEA.

Holding the anniversary session of the General Conference demonstrates the key role of the Agency in promoting peaceful uses of nuclear energy, thus contributing to the international community's efforts to reach global Sustainable Development Goals.

Ukraine also welcomes the applications for membership by Saint Lucia, the Islamic Republic of Gambia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in the International Atomic Energy Agency.

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine recognizes the Agency's leading role in the nuclear non-proliferation regime. We reconfirm our support for the activities of the Agency aimed at strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system, and welcome the efforts of the Agency with a view to preventing diversion of nuclear energy from peaceful uses to military purposes.

Ukraine is, and will remain committed to the objectives of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and fulfills its obligations in accordance with the Ukraine's Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and Additional Protocol thereto.

The results of the productive cooperation between the Government of Ukraine and the Agency throughout 2015, Ukraine's commitment in fulfilling its international obligations as well as the State System for Accounting and Control effectively introduced in my country, enabled the Agency to draw the "broad conclusion" for Ukraine in 2015, in particular by establishing the fact that all nuclear material in Ukraine remained in peaceful activities.

For our part, Ukraine is determined to continue to fulfill its obligations under the Agreement between Ukraine and the IAEA in accordance with the norms of international law relating to all nuclear facilities and material located on the whole territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

**Mr. President,**

On 26 April 2016 Ukraine and the world commemorated 30th anniversary since the accident at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant, paying tribute to those, who mitigated the consequences of the catastrophe, and its victims.

This sad anniversary offers an important opportunity to sharpen the attention on complex problems of recovery and the needs of the affected areas and to mobilize the international assistance to complement the national mitigation efforts. It also serves as an important reminder about possible tragic results and consequences of technological failures in human activity.

The most important lesson learned from the Chernobyl accident in April 1986 is to bring about lasting improvements in nuclear and radiation safety globally. Practical and theoretical knowledge gained after the disaster at the Chernobyl NPP was widely used by the expert community to address the causes and consequences of the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Japan in 2011.

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine reiterates its strong support for the Agency's Technical Cooperation Programme. The Technical Cooperation Programme serves as a powerful tool for exchange of nuclear knowledge and capacity building in member states.

Proceeding from interests of Ukraine and European region, we believe that nuclear safety, nuclear medicine, decommissioning, radioactive waste management and nuclear security will constitute priority thematic areas for the IAEA technical cooperation for the nearest future.

The IAEA regional and national technical cooperation projects have significantly contributed to nuclear safety and improving an overall effectiveness of peaceful use of nuclear energy in Ukraine.

Among National projects for 2016-2017 Ukraine attaches significant importance to the implementation of the project «Rendering assistance in decommissioning and radioactive waste management at the Chernobyl NPP onsite» and among regional projects aimed at supporting radiological management of abandoned areas following the Chernobyl

accident and dissemination of Chornobyl NPP related information.

**Mr. President,**

We highly appreciate the Agency's efforts aimed at improving the level of nuclear safety and nuclear security of nuclear and radioactive materials, preventing their illicit trafficking.

Ukraine, that currently has 15 operational power units at 4 sites of Ukrainian NPPs, which constitute one of the largest nuclear-energy programmes in Europe, attaches great importance to the world wide implementation and continuous improvement of the highest standards of nuclear safety and nuclear security.

Let me inform you that over the past two years Ukraine significantly approved and strengthened the national regime of physical protection of its facilities and material by developing and introducing at all Ukrainian NPPs comprehensive plan of actions in case of sabotage and crisis situation, as well as developing projects for modernization of systems of physical protection of nuclear facilities and nuclear waste management facilities, which, *inter alia*, has been incorporated in the Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan of Ukraine for 2016-2018.

Thus, Ukraine is taking all necessary measures to ensure the highest level of physical protection of nuclear facilities and material, fully performs its international obligations in the area of nuclear safety and security, and remains a reliable partner in the nuclear sphere with one of the largest nuclear power programmes in Europe.

Ukraine recognizes the importance of Nuclear security summits in strengthening the global regime of nuclear security. We underline the important role of the IAEA in strengthening the international nuclear security architecture and to continue the implementation of the outcomes of summits on nuclear security.

Ukraine welcomes the December 2016 International Conference on Nuclear Security: Commitments and Actions, which will allow officials and experts to discuss the threats and challenges in the field of nuclear security facing the world community.

**Mr. President,**

We recognize the Secretariat's professional work in preparation of the IAEA Annual Report for 2015, which is based on the norms of international law, the IAEA Statute and respective safeguards agreements.

Ukraine believes that the Annual Report for 2015, prepared by the Agency and approved by the Board of Governors in June 2016, remains consistent with international law and the UN General Assembly resolution «Territorial integrity of Ukraine» of 27 March 2014 A/RES/68/262.

**Thank you for your attention.**