

STATEMENT

OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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Mr. President,
Mr. Director General,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen

At the outset, allow me to express my sincere gratitude to the IAEA for organizing this Conference, which we deem as a very important step for strengthening global nuclear security, as well as for reinforcing international nuclear non-proliferation efforts. I would also like, Mr. President, to extend my warm congratulations on your election as the President of this Conference. I assure you of the full support and cooperation of the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in making this Conference a success.

Mr President,
Current challenges to the nuclear non-proliferation regime and the constant danger of nuclear terrorism reaffirm necessity of achieving the highest standards in the field of nuclear security and non-proliferation regime. As we all know, consequences of nuclear incidents cannot stay inside the state borders. In that context all countries have responsibility to incorporate the highest international technical and legal standards in domestic laws and to establish appropriate system to protect nuclear material and radioactive sources. But, we would also like to emphasize that countries with a nuclear programme have a much bigger responsibility for nuclear security. The global efforts to strengthen nuclear security have been reinforced in past years. Therefore we warmly welcome the entry into force of the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material as a new legally binding instrument which represents common achievement of international community in the area of physical protection of nuclear material. It proves the strong international determination to strengthen nuclear security globally and

reduce the risk such as the smuggling of nuclear material and the threatened sabotage of nuclear facilities.

Mr. President

Bosnia and Herzegovina is non-nuclear country, without nuclear facilities and without the plans to build some, but few types of ionizing sources categories 1 and 2 are used in medicine and in smaller volume in industry, agriculture and other fields. Therefore Bosnia and Herzegovina has adopted the most important international treaties, conventions and agreements of great importance for safety and security, including the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency and the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident.

Bosnia and Herzegovina expresses full and unambiguous political support to the implementation of legally non-binding instruments - The Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources, as well as IAEA Nuclear Security Series. We actively participate in creating this document through Nuclear Security Guidance Committee (NSGC).

We work intensively on implementation Integrated Nuclear Security Plan, approved by Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina in October 2014. During the process of creation this very important document for us, we had had sincere and selfless support by IAEA experts. Talking of domestic legislative and regulatory framework, it is also important to mention the "Policy on the safety of ionizing radiation sources in Bosnia and Herzegovina". This document is based on fundamental safety and security principles, with the main objective of establishing an effective and transparent system to ensure protection of public health and the environment from harmful effects of ionizing radiation for both, present

and future generations. Furthermore, Bosnia and Herzegovina has harmonized a number of regulations with IAEA standards and EURATOM directives.

In conclusion, Mr. President, Bosnia and Herzegovina recognises IAEA as the only organisation with a global mandate in field of nuclear security which plays, and has to play in future, a central role in our efforts to achieve global nuclear security worldwide.

I thank you!