

Mr. Chairman,  
Ladies and Gentlemen's,

I would like to thank the International Atomic Energy Agency for organizing the International Conference on Nuclear Security: Commitments and Actions, at a time when nuclear terrorism continues to be one of the greatest threats to global peace and security. This is an important event which gives us the opportunity to discuss progress in achieving of our common goal in establishing of safe and secure world.

The Republic of Moldova welcomes the substantial progress that has been achieved in recent years in strengthening nuclear security worldwide, including the establishment and implementation of various international instruments.

We welcome the entry into force in May 2016 of signed in 2005 Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM). This is an important step signatory states have taken to strengthen global nuclear security and prevent nuclear terrorism.

The Republic of Moldova ratified the UN Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism in April 2008, demonstrating our commitment to maintain the highest possible international standards in countering the threat from nuclear terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

In order to support the IAEA in promoting of developing and implementing of the INSSP among the Member States, in October 2014, our country hosted the IAEA Regional Workshop to Familiarize Member States in Europe with Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan. We would like to stress that the Republic of Moldova continues successful implementation of the Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan, developed together with the IAEA, as a strategy in achieving of an effective and sustainable national nuclear security regime.

The Republic of Moldova develops its legislative framework in compliance with the IAEA Nuclear Security Recommendations. This year the Moldovan Government approved the Regulation on Physical Protection of Nuclear and Radioactive Materials. This document implements the requirements and obligations of CPPNM and amendment to it.

Starting from 2014, the Republic of Moldova successfully implements orphan sources search project, organized by the NARNRA and supported by the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority. During the implementation of this project we have regained regulatory control over 3500 radioactive sources, 1500 of which were brought from uncontrolled region of our country, so called "Transdnistrian region".

The Republic of Moldova makes firm steps in increasing its capacity to prevent and combat illicit trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials. In order to further strengthen our detection capabilities, the Republic of Moldova together with the U.S. Department of Energy continue installing of the Radiation Portal Monitors at the main border crossing points. With the same scope were organized a number of trainings for the first line officers and exercises for improving of the interaction among authorities involved in prevention and combating illicit trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials. These activities were supported by the IAEA, Swedish Radiation Safety Authority, Defence Threat Reduction Agency and EUBAM.

For the purpose of strengthening national capacities on detection and prevent of illicit trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials in our country regularly organizes exercises at the border.

Our country also participates in international information sharing on illicit trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials through contributions to the IAEA Incident and Trafficking Database.

Taking into account several confirmed cases of illicit traffic involving nuclear materials, Republic of Moldova promotes the development of a national nuclear forensics capability through establishing of a national nuclear forensics laboratory for performing analysis and characterization of seized nuclear and radioactive materials. This laboratory was established in the framework of the STCU project and it is a part of a dedicated regional network aimed to combat illicit trafficking jointly with our neighbouring partners.

Mr. Chairman,

Let me express the appreciation to the IAEA for its continuous work in strengthening of the global security architecture and achieving high standards of nuclear security in all States.

Thank you for your attention.