

NATIONAL STATEMENT
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ROMANIA

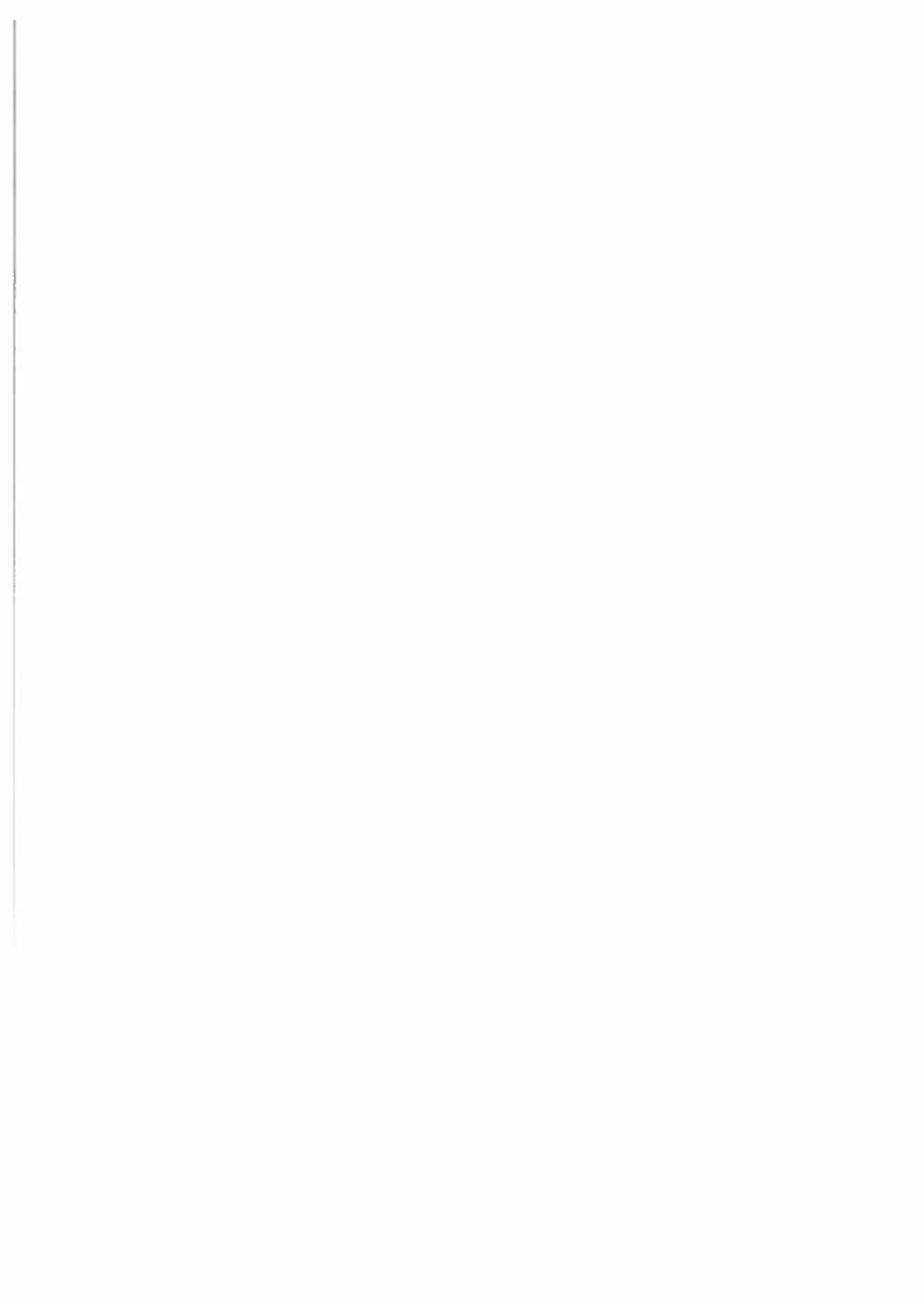
Distinguished Co-Chairs,
Mr. Director General,

At the outset, allow me to join the distinguished speakers before me in thanking you for convening this Conference. Romania fully aligns itself with the statement of the European Union, and welcomes this opportunity to reaffirm, in national capacity, its commitment to promoting nuclear security.

Let me stress from the beginning that Romania believes that the threat of nuclear terrorism is one of the significant challenges to international peace and security. This is due to issues that are of great concern to us all, such as the global expansion of **terrorism** through the emergence of DAESH, and the unsettled regional conflicts which ultimately foster challenges such as **illicit trafficking**, including of radioactive or nuclear material. Hence, our strong belief that in the field of nuclear security there is no room for complacency.

In this respect, **cyber-attacks** are yet another threat to all of us here today. In a society which relies heavily on information technology, it is inevitable that our nuclear security depends on the measures that we are able to take in order to ensure solid information systems.

Against this backdrop of ever increasing security threats at global, regional and national level, the challenges posed by nuclear terrorism are demanding more and more concerted actions at all levels.



GICNT

We therefore acknowledge the need for consolidating **regional cooperation** in the field of nuclear security, including through developing joint activities and training, as well as information exchanges and an increased focus on cooperation on border security and detection.

To this end, Romania fully supports international efforts aimed at preventing nuclear terrorism, and welcomes the role played by the **Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT)** in this respect. In accordance with our efforts to promote nuclear security at national, regional and international level, Romania, in cooperation with GICNT and INTERPOL, organized the regional Exercise OLYMPUS, on 19-21 October 2016, in Bucharest. The scope was to discuss challenges during a nuclear security incident, and to identify strategies and best practices for overcoming these challenges.

The outcomes of Exercise OLYMPUS will be shared with all GICNT partners, and will also be presented during this technical session of this IAEA event.

PSI

Furthermore, on 16-18 November 2016, **Romania hosted a Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) regional workshop**, which sought to increase participating States' understanding of regional proliferation trends, and increase regional understanding of, and commitment to, upholding the PSI Statement of Interdiction Principles.

NSS

The substantial results of the **Nuclear Security Summit** which took place this year in Washington D.C. brought us decisively closer to our common goal of securing nuclear material and thus preventing nuclear terrorism. The outcomes of this

Summit are faithfully reflected in the Final Communiqué and the five Plans of Action, which will also serve as guidelines for taking forward the nuclear security agenda. Although NSS 2016 was the last event of its type, the Sherpa representatives will continue to meet in order to maintain the nuclear security issue high on the international agenda, as demonstrated also by the meetings of the **Nuclear Security Contact Group (NSCG)**.

We fully support the transition of the NSS process towards a more inclusive format, under the auspices of the IAEA.

I am also pleased to confirm that Romania fulfilled its obligations under NSS 2014, including a **voluntary financial contribution to the IAEA Nuclear Security Fund and received an IAEA INSServ (*International Nuclear Security Advisory Service*) mission**. Another contribution will be made in 2017, in accordance with the commitments assumed during NSS 2016.

Finally, we join others in welcoming the outcome document of the Ministerial Segment. Romania would like to assure the Co-Chairs and Director General Amano of our full support and cooperation in the framework of the Agency's continuous effort to promote nuclear security.

Thank you.

