

Statement by

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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates.

- 1. I would like to commend the Director General of the IAEA, Rafael Mariano Grossi, and the Secretariat for hosting the third International Conference on Nuclear Security. I join others in congratulating Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, H.E. Mr. Bogdan Lucian Aurescu and Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Panama, H.E. Mr. Federico Alfaro for the assumption as the Co-Presidents of this Conference.
- The Ministerial Declaration adopted by this Conference has put nuclear security in its proper context. In order to achieve effective security, nuclear security efforts must be pursued in a comprehensive manner, where disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful uses are mutually reinforcing.
- 3. The Declaration highlights that it is the fundamental responsibility of States to maintain effective and comprehensive security of all nuclear and other radioactive material and facilities under its control. Such responsibility also includes the security of nuclear material for military purposes, which constitutes the large majority of nuclear material.

Mr. President,

- 4. Massive industrialization and technological transformation entwined with fragile security condition have amplified unpredictable transboundary consequences. In this regard, the access to nuclear weapons or to weapons-grade material by non-state actors, in particular terrorist groups heightens the need to expedite nuclear disarmament.
- 5. Against this backdrop, Indonesia reiterates its firm conviction that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the absolute guarantee against the use or threat of use of such weapons. We must recognize that any use of nuclear weapons, either by accident or by intent, will have catastrophic humanitarian consequences.

Mr. President.

- 6. Mutual cooperation and contribution from each state are elementary in strengthening the global nuclear security architecture.
- 7. Indonesia, on its part, has ratified and endorsed key international instruments on nuclear security, including the CPPNM and its Amendment and the ICSANT.
- 8. To enhance our national nuclear security architecture, Indonesia is in the process of amending its current Nuclear Energy Act that incorporates provisions for the security of nuclear and radioactive sources and materials outside regulatory control.

Mr. President.

- 9. While reaffirming its position that the responsibility of nuclear security rests entirely with each Member State, Indonesia recognizes and supports the IAEA's continuing work to assist Member States' efforts to ensure the security of their nuclear and other radioactive materials.
- 10. In cooperation with the IAEA, Indonesia continues to develop and strengthen its nuclear security infrastructure, among others through capacity building programs and installation of Radiation Portal Monitors and Radiological Data Monitoring Systems at Indonesia's entry points and borders.
- 11. Indonesia also appreciates the collaboration with the IAEA on detection and response capability before and during important major public events in Indonesia, particularly during the 18th Asian Games and the Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank Group in 2018, and hope that this collaboration could be continued in the future.
- 12. Further, I would like to inform you that the LEU has been used in the production of radio-isotopes and in the operation of our nuclear research reactors since 2016. This policy is part of our voluntary efforts to secure nuclear materials, in line with the letter and spirit of Ministerial

Declarations on nuclear security.

Mr. President,

13. Indonesia recognizes the importance of the sustained Nuclear Security Fund to support nuclear security activities of the IAEA. My delegation welcomes the continuous commitment made by member states in this regard, and views that the activities should continue to be primarily funded on a voluntary basis through the Nuclear Security Fund.

To conclude, Mr. President,

- 14. We must bear in mind that the inalienable right of States to develop nuclear technology for peaceful purposes should be preserved. Therefore, measures to strengthen nuclear security must not hamper international cooperation in the field of peaceful nuclear activities, nor undermine the established priorities of the IAEA's TC Programme.
- 15. Indonesia welcomes the adoption of the Ministerial Declaration by this Conference, and stands ready to pursue our collective efforts towards this end.

I thank you.