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**Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

Allow me to begin by expressing my deep appreciation to the IAEA for organizing this Ministerial Nuclear Security Conference. I would like here to congratulate H.E. Rafael Grossi, convening this International Conference under your leadership is a good and promising sign for a successful tenure. Be assured that you have our full support.

I cannot thank enough Ambassador Cristian Istrate / the Resident Representative of Romania for an extraordinary work during the negotiations on the Ministerial declaration. Special thanks also to the Chargé d'affaires of Panama, Ms Anayansi Rodríguez Vega. Jordan fully supports the Ministerial Declaration that was just adopted.

I also thank DDG Juan Carlos Lentijo
Head of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security and his esteemed team for organizing this conference.

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Jordan attaches utmost importance to nuclear security in its nuclear energy programme, and believes that nuclear security is an important milestone for the peaceful use of nuclear energy and a fundamental part of the global security framework in enhancing all efforts to combat nuclear terrorism. Nuclear Security, is vital for protecting people, environment, and society, from any adverse consequence that may arise from any nuclear security event.

Although the ultimate responsibility for nuclear security within one state rests entirely with that state, it is evident that there is a need for more regional and international cooperation with the growing risks of the spread of nuclear and radioactive materials that can be used by terrorist organizations.

The instability in our region has increased this risk, the worst-case scenario would be an attempt to smuggle nuclear or radiological material by terrorists and spread terror. Therefore, it is the right time for more cooperation and coordination between states especially today when we need to deal with the re-emergence of ISIS. This conference is the right forum where experiences could be exchanged as well as lessons learned, to combat the threat of nuclear terrorism.

Jordan recognizes the pivotal role IAEA plays in supporting Member States by providing assistance in capacity building, peer reviews and advisory services. In that regard, Jordan has taken practical steps to ensure the highest degree of conformity with IAEA nuclear security and safety standards with a view to improve national nuclear security regime and to upgrade its physical protection system for nuclear material.

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Let me here highlight some of the steps that Jordan has taken: -

- Jordan was among other countries, if not the first, requested several peer review missions which was implemented in Jordan such as IRRS (Integrated Regulatory Review Service), INSAR(Integrated Safety Assessment of Research Reactors), INSSP (The Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan) to develop its national security framework in conformity with the highest international standards with the assistance of IAEA, and hosted multiple events organized by IAEA and other international organizations focusing on nuclear security.
- We were among the first countries to adopt the Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) since it was developed by the IAEA in 2010. Since then, Jordan held 4 meetings on regular basis (2010, 2014, 2016, 2019) to review its national INSSP, in order to identify priorities and gaps.
- In November 2019, Jordan also requested an INSServ mission (International Nuclear Security Advisory Service) from the IAEA. A preparatory meeting will take place in Amman during the period from 8-12 March 2020, to conduct further in-depth discussion aiming at successful implementation of the mission later this year.

- In October 2017, Jordan established a National Center for Nuclear and Radiological Security to protect the use of nuclear and radiological materials and combat their smuggling, we are eager to enhance our regional and international cooperation in this regard.

The Amendment to the Convention of Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials (A-CPPNM) has entered into force in Jordan in 2016 which we believe represents a key international instrument supporting nuclear security, we look forward for the upcoming PrepCom meeting which will be held in Vienna end of June 2020. The International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT) entered into force in Jordan in 2015, we also fully support the UN Security Council Resolution 1540.

In conclusion, I reiterate our thanks and appreciation to the IAEA, the leading international organization in the development of peaceful uses of nuclear energy. We also look forward for a very constructive discussion to cooperate more in combating nuclear terrorism and prevent illicit trafficking of nuclear and radiological material.

Co- Presidents we wish you all the success in presiding this conference, be assured that you have our full support.

Thank you all.