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Co-Presidents,  
Director-General,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Allow me to join the previous speakers in congratulating the co-Presidents. I wish to commend the Permanent Missions of Panama and Romania's dedication and effort in the preparatory process of this Conference and in successfully carrying out the important task in the drafting of the Ministerial Declaration adopted yesterday. Our sincere thanks also goes to the Director General and the Secretariat for organizing this timely event.

Co-Presidents,

2. The current uncertainties of the international security environment have put the nuclear security architecture to the test. Existing and emerging threats have also raised our concerns and demanded our prompt response. The Conference today is therefore taking place at a crucial juncture. It provides us an opportunity to express and renew our political commitment to uphold the global norms and practices, promote nuclear security and discuss ways to further strengthen our nuclear security deliberations.

Co-Presidents,

3. Thailand wishes to reiterate our unwavering commitment to strengthen the global nuclear security regime and to our obligations under relevant international instruments and frameworks. Thailand also shares the view that the responsibility for nuclear security rests with each State. It is indeed a fundamental responsibility of States to establish and maintain robust nuclear security measures in order to effectively identify risks, mitigate threats and combat the illicit trafficking and malicious use of nuclear and other radioactive materials.

4. On Thailand's part, we have continuously worked to strengthen our national nuclear security infrastructure and ensure that it is in line with international standards and commitments we subscribed to. During the past years, we have accomplished several milestones. First, we acceded to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) in 2018 and ratified the International Convention on the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT) in 2019. Second, the Trade Control on Weapons of Mass Destruction-related Items Act was passed and entered into force on 1 January 2020, allowing for a more comprehensive and stringent control over the physical transport and transfer of dual-use and sensitive items. Third, the Cabinet has approved, on 4 February 2020, the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on the interdiction of illicit trafficking of WMDs, their delivery systems and related materials, which serves as a policy framework to ensure integrated and efficient implementation in response to suspicious activities. Lastly, from 2018, Thailand has put in place the Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) with the IAEA, which enables us to address implementation gaps and receive necessary assistance that helps improve our national nuclear security policy and strategy.

Co-Presidents,

5. The IAEA has been instrumental in promoting the essence of nuclear security at all levels and assisting Member States to establish and improve their nuclear security infrastructure while bridging their needs through cooperation and capacity building program.

6. We are of the view that the Agency should further reach out and promote cooperation with relevant partners, including Financial Institutions, International and Regional Organizations, to enhance the works under its mandate. For instance, we welcome, the agreement concluded last week between the Agency and UNAIDS concerning the fight against cervical cancer. We also encourage the Agency to partner with Regional Organizations, such as ASEAN, through the Practical Arrangements concluded in September last year, to promote activities and cooperation in the field of nuclear security in the region.

7. At the same time, it is important that the nuclear security works of the Agency are adequately funded and sufficiently resourced to ensure that the Agency can efficiently address and respond to Member States' needs. We call upon the Member States, in a position to do so, to support the IAEA in this regard.

8. Strengthening a nuclear security culture and raising public awareness on the issue are keys to effective nuclear security implementation. Thailand supports the multi-stakeholder approach where all relevant entities are encouraged to take part in creating a robust and comprehensive nuclear security implementation system. This can be done through capacity building efforts, training and education opportunities, and sharing of experience and expertise through networking.

Co-Presidents,

9. Thailand believes that the effective and comprehensive undertakings under the nuclear security framework reinforce and contribute to our shared goals of nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful use of nuclear energy. It is imperative that the interrelations and complementarities between nuclear security, safety and safeguards are recognized and made to work in a balanced and inclusive manner to ensure sustained peace and security.

10. The upcoming 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) is an important opportunity for all States to renew their commitments under the NPT. For Thailand, it is important that the balanced implementation of all 3 pillars of the NPT be ensured.

11. In our view, the risk of nuclear terrorism or diversion of nuclear materials for malicious purposes will decrease significantly, if we live in a world without nuclear weapons. The Ministerial Declaration clearly stated that progress in nuclear disarmament is critically needed and will continue to be addressed in all relevant fora. We believe that nuclear security will truly contribute to international peace and security if all States work together, in good faith, to achieve the total elimination of nuclear weapons that serves our common objective of general and complete disarmament.

12. In closing, I wish to once again reaffirm Thailand's commitment to strengthen the nuclear security regime at all levels and to advance the nuclear security agenda, which is an essential part of our common goals of nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy. We stand ready to work with all partners in this endeavor.

Thank you.