

IAEA GC - National Statement by Ireland

Dr Seán Ó Riain, Chargé d’Affaires, Mission of Ireland, 22.9.2020

Señor presidente,

Irlanda se adhiere a la declaración de la UE y hace la siguiente declaración a nivel nacional.

Irlanda reconoce al Director General Rafael Grossi por su liderazgo al garantizar que la Agencia cumpla su función, incluidas sus actividades de seguimiento y verificación en la difícil situación actual provocada por la pandemia mundial. Felicito al OIEA por la variedad de asistencia que está brindando a los países, incluido el equipo de diagnóstico. También reconozco el compromiso del Director General Grossi con la igualdad de género **y me complace anunciar que Irlanda contribuirá este año al Programa de Becas Marie Skłodowska-Curie.**

I recall that the NPT Review Conference should have taken place this year. While the postponement of the RevCon was unavoidable, we must use the additional time to better prepare for a substantial RevCon in 2021 with a successful outcome, as we continue to work towards full implementation across all three interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars.

As recognised by the GC over the last four years, there is an important link between nuclear security and multilateral nuclear disarmament, and progress on the latter is critically needed. This is more urgent than ever in the context of increasing geopolitical tensions.

On the 6 August; the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, Ireland ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). The TPNW

strengthens the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime. It provides a legal framework for the implementation of Article VI of the NPT and strengthens the IAEA safeguards system.

President,

Ireland strongly supports the JCPoA, recognising its important contribution to nuclear non-proliferation. I am gravely concerned by Iran's breaches of the JCPoA and urge Iran to return to full compliance with its terms. I also regret the US withdrawal from the JCPoA. I welcome the visit of Director General Grossi to Iran on 24 August, and the agreement reached on access to the two previously undeclared sites. I am encouraged by the swift start to implementing that agreement. I continue to encourage Iran to provide full and timely access to the IAEA inspectors and look forward to learning the analytical findings.

Ireland urges DPRK to fully dismantle its nuclear programme in a complete, verifiable, and irreversible manner and demonstrate good faith by immediately signing and ratifying the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), return to compliance with the NPT and full cooperation with the IAEA.

Finally, 24 years after it opened for signature, Ireland calls on each of the eight states who have not yet done so to sign and/or ratify the CTBT as soon as possible. All States should abide by the moratorium on nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosion, and refrain from any action contrary to the object and purpose of the Treaty.

I assure you of Ireland's continued support for the Agency.

Thank you.

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