

**Speech of the Minister of Energy of the RK
N.A. Nogayev at the 64th Session of the General
Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency**

*Dear Mr. President,
Distinguished delegates,*

I would like to welcome all participants at the 64th session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

We believe that the Agency's system of safeguard is the most effective instrument in providing non-proliferation regime of the nuclear weapons.

In cooperation with the Agency and some other countries we are successfully solving issues on application of comprehensive safeguards in Kazakhstan. Over the last several years integrated safeguards are applied in Kazakhstan.

Our country is fully implementing provisions of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540.

Last year, for the first time Kazakhstan took over the chairmanship of the Nuclear Suppliers Group, which plays an important role in strengthening nuclear safety

through improving export control systems for nuclear materials and technologies, facilitating the practical implementation.

The Republic of Kazakhstan is a participant of all fundamental international treaties in the field of nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful use of atomic energy.

Last year, Kazakhstan ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, becoming the 26th state in the world.

On May 14th of this year, the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Zhomart Tokayev, signed the Act on the issues of Civil-Law responsibility of operators for nuclear damage in order to implement the provisions of the Vienna Convention.

I would like to note that a lot of work has been done within the framework of the project for the creation of the IAEA Low Enriched Uranium Bank in Kazakhstan, starting from December 11th of 2019, the Agency's Low Enriched Uranium Bank project has entered the practical stage of implementation.

Kazakhstan, within the framework of the non-proliferation regime and the provision of nuclear safety, is carrying out research reactors conversion and highly enriched uranium disposal works.

In August of 2020 works of fuel down-blending of unirradiated graphite Highly Enriched Uranium of the Impulse graphite reactor (IGR research reactor) have been finished.

Dear Mr. President,

Kazakhstan adopted the amendments to Articles 6 and 14.A of the Agency's Charter. We hope that soon we will reach the number of states necessary for their entry into force.

Let me draw your attention to an issue of fundamental importance for Kazakhstan.

Since joining the Agency, in 1994, Kazakhstan, being an active and responsible member of the Agency, unfortunately, has been deprived of the opportunity to participate in the work of the elected bodies of the Agency. This refers to the Agency's Board of Governors.

Thank you for your attention.