

# **Remarks by Swedish Ambassador Ms Kumlin Granit at the IAEA Virtual Event for the 10th Anniversary of the Peaceful Uses Initiative**

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## **“10 Years of the Peaceful Uses Initiative”**

- **Let me first of all thank Ambassador Grossi and the US Government for organize this timely event, on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. I would also like to thank all Speakers for their valuable contributions.**
- **Sweden is a strong supporter of the Peaceful Use Initiative, which offers an opportunity for donor countries to highlight some of their contributions to peaceful use of nuclear technology in line with Article IV of the NPT. We are proud to have been an early and consistent supporter of the PUI. Our contributions from 2011 to 2020 amount to 17,7 Million Swedish Kronor, or roughly 2 million US Dollar.**
- **The activities under the PUI, which supplement other projects of the Agency’s Technical Cooperation Programme and Coordinated Research Programme, give the Agency more flexibility in responding to the changing needs of Member States. The current pandemic has illustrated how important it is that such flexibility is maintained.**
- **Sweden’s contributions have consistently been guided by the Millennium Goals and subsequently the 2030 Agenda. Our latest contribution, which was announced last month, consists of 5 Million Swedish Kronor and addresses global goals regarding gender and the marine environment.**
- **The contribution supports the “Saving Women’s Lives from Cancer Initiative” of the IAEA and the Islamic Development Bank. Sweden will also support research on marine plastics and the IAEA Ocean Acidification International Coordination Centre which was launched in 2012 to promote international collaboration on ocean acidification.**
- **Let me also highlight the International Water Availability Enhancement Project in the Sahel region in Africa, which began in 2010. Sweden was among the first**

**countries to contribute to this very important project under the Peaceful Use Initiative.**

- **In conclusion, I would like to reiterate Sweden's support to the Peaceful Use Initiative. We look forward to providing more information on our contributions to this important mechanism during next year's NPT Review Conference.**