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Ministerkonference den 14.-17. december 2012, Fukushima, Japan

[Fukushima-konferencen har til formål at styrke den nukleare sikkerhed globalt. Japan vil dele erfaringer i forbindelse med Fukushima-ulykken, samt diskutere fremskridtene af de internationale bestræbelser på at styrke den nukleare sikkerhed. Det vurderes, at mødet ikke bliver en milepæl i det generelle arbejde med at styrke den nukleare sikkerhed, men er et vigtigt møde, hvor Japan kan dele vigtige erfaringer med resten af verdenen. I invitationen til konferencen henvises til FN's atomenergiagenturs (IAEA) generalforsamling i september 2011, hvor målet var at styrke den nukleare sikkerhed, og IAEA's Handlingsplan for nuklear sikkerhed blev vedtaget. Konferencen starter med en plenarsamling for ministre den 15. december, hvor der ventes aftalt en sluterklæring, der formentlig beskriver de fælles bestræbelser. Det er fortsat ikke klart, om der bliver tale om en aftalt sluterklæring eller et formandsdokument. Det danske indlæg har hovedfokus på, at Danmark støtter og tilstræber de højeste sikkerhedsstandarder og at IAEA's rolle styrkes.]

Talepunkter

- Mr. Chairman, please allow me on behalf of the Danish Government to thank the Government of Japan and the IAEA for taking this important initiative to contribute to the strengthening of nuclear safety.
- I wish to thank for the warm hospitality shown to us despite the fact that Japan is still in the aftermath of the tragic events in March 2011.
- Let me assure you that the people of Japan are still in our minds and let me also assure you that we acknowledge the need for joint efforts and cooperation.
- This ministerial conference can be and should be an important step towards a higher level of nuclear safety.
- The tragic events in March 2011 must be remembered and the lessons learned must lead to a higher level of understanding of the need for relevant safety measures and cooperation. This should apply to nuclear safety as well as to emergency preparedness.

- This work was unique in its nature and its extent, and as this work was targeted to include the lessons learned from the accident in Japan. It was an example of a direct follow up of outmost importance. Denmark sees a need to implement similar efforts elsewhere, preferably as binding commitments.
- Let me also mention that Denmark finds it important that implementation of a nuclear security culture takes place, and that nuclear security and nuclear safety measures should be designed, implemented and managed in a coherent and synergistic manner. This was one of the nine main conclusions in the final report from the EU Ad Hoc Group on Nuclear Security chaired by Denmark during the EU Presidency in spring 2012.
- Let me reiterate Denmark's appreciation of the initiative to arrange this Ministerial Conference and let me assure you of our full support and we strongly hope that all of your endeavors will be indeed an important step towards further strengthening of nuclear safety.
- Thank you Mr. Chairman.