

on the Fukushima Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety
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Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen

At the outset allow me to thank the Government of Japan and Secretariat of International Atomic Energy Agency for initiative to held this meeting. I have a honor to speak on behalf of the Government of Ukraine and Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine.

I would like to thank for opportunity to take part in this meeting and make a statement on the status of Ukrainian Nuclear development after Fukushima Daiichi accident.

Mr. Co-Presidents,

Mr. IAEA Director General,

Ladies and Gentlemen

The Chornobyl accident in 1986 has triggered not only the revision of international nuclear safety standards, but creation of numerous international

instruments to ensure both highest level of nuclear, waste and radiation safety worldwide and the relevant system of emergency preparedness and response. In 2011 those instruments were put into test in response to the Fukushima Daiichi accident. We believe that given its unique expertise the Agency has a leading role to play in any nuclear related accident or emergency and its on-site involvement is vital in addressing the situations like at the Fukushima.

We strongly support the activities aimed at improving nuclear, radiation, transport and waste safety worldwide. Last year the General Conference approved the IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety. The Action Plan provides for a roadmap for all Member States. Ukraine, like many other countries, has carried out assessments of safety vulnerabilities of all nuclear power plants. We have also joined the EU stress-tests exercise and the follow up peer review process. All necessary measures and improvements identified are either in the implementation phase or have been already implemented. The National Regulator has started a Comprehensive programme of review and revision of the nuclear safety regulations. Proper consideration is being given to the latest IAEA Safety Standards and lessons learned from the Fukushima accident. With all necessary actions taken the Government of Ukraine recently has approved an Action Plan on Strengthening Safety Culture and Public Communications on Nuclear Safety Issues.

According to the results of stress-tests Safety Upgrade Program completed a measures to ensure heat removal from nuclear fuel during severe accidents and provide emergency power in long-term full deenergize plant using mobile diesel generators, mobile pumping stations.

In addition, at all NPPs measures to improve the emergency response were implemented through implementation of additional measures to ensure of communication on NPPs site and NPPs Communications Crisis Center and continued implementation of complex operational dosimetric analysis of the situation in the area of the NPP.

Government of Ukraine approved a plan to create automated control system of radiation up to 2015. Within the Comprehensive programs to improve the safety of NPPs provided for the integration of stationary automated control of radiation to a automated control of radiation situation in Ukraine.

In addition, the results of this reassessment of safety enhancement will be analyzed current legal framework on nuclear and radiation safety and suggestions for improving it in order to increase safety requirements for existing and new power plants.

Taking into account Chornobyl and Fukushima lessons Ukraine reaffirm a need of nuclear development as a vital part of National Economy and Security. This year Government and Parliament of Ukraine have approved several

decisions about construction of new nuclear installations in Ukraine - 2 NPP units, Spent Fuel Storage Facility, Nuclear Fuel Plant and Neutron Source based on subcritical fuel assembly.

Mr. Co-Presidents,

We believe that activities under both Nuclear Safety Convention and Joint Convention enhance safety of peaceful nuclear energy use worldwide. We call upon all countries, which have not yet done so, to join these important instruments. The Second Extraordinary Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Nuclear Safety Convention made another important step in reaching nuclear safety goals. It is our strong belief that we, the Contracting Parties to the Convention, have to meet our obligations under the Convention in full to have real outcomes of the Convention's review process. It is also clear to us that the existing international treaty basis concerning the reaction to nuclear disasters requires further improvement. The relevant work has already been started and we believe that tangible results could be achieved in the near future.

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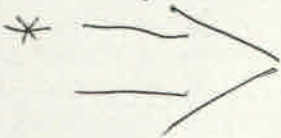
Developments in Japan have resulted in widespread concern about the safety of NPPs worldwide and have led to deliberations and concerns about feasibility of nuclear energy as a source of power generation. There are many lessons to be further learned from the Fukushima accident. And this process

should go on.

Mr. Co-Presidents,

Allow me to use this opportunity to reiterate our gratitude to those countries and international organizations, which provided support and assistance to us to overcome the aftermaths of Chernobyl accident. I am pleased to inform you that in April this year we reached an important milestone - a start of assembling the New Safe Confinement construction. This work, to be completed in 2015, will pave the way for further transformation of the Shelter Object into an ecologically


safe system.



Your Excellencies,

In conclusion I would like to note that Ukraine is ready to provide advice, support and assistance on the preparation and implementation of all necessary measures concerning improving nuclear safety worldwide.

Thank you for your attention.



Meanwhile, I would like to stress on readiness of Government and experts of Ukraine to continue further sharing the 26 years of unique and practical Chornobyl knowledge, experience and skills with Japan supporting on its efforts on decontamination of Fukushima prefecture and decommission of Fukushima Daiichi NPS, according to the Agreement between our states on cooperation dealing with the aftermath of the nuclear accident signed on April, 2012 by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr. Gemba.