

**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine  
at the IAEA Board of Governors meeting**

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*(agenda item 3 “Strengthening of the Agency’s technical cooperation activities.  
Technical Cooperation Report for 2016”)*

**Mr Chairman,**

Ukraine wishes to **thank the Director General** for his report contained in the GOV/2017/17 and its Supplement.

We **strongly support the Agency’s Technical Cooperation Program (TCP)** and appreciate its effective role in the responsible development of peaceful, safe and secure application of nuclear science and technology for sustainable socioeconomic development, including through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Ukraine with satisfaction and delight wishes to note that throughout 2016 **TCP continued to focus on putting advanced science to work** to meet the economic and social needs of developing countries, allowing them to use nuclear techniques in a safe and effective way.

We are of the opinion that for the recent year the TC Programme has **made a big step forward in terms of size, comprehensiveness and complexity** of enlarging the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world.

Against this backdrop and proceeding from interests of Ukraine as a part of European region, **we expect that nuclear safety, nuclear medicine, decommissioning, radioactive waste management and nuclear security will constitute priority thematic areas for the IAEA technical cooperation for 2017 and the nearest future.**

**Mr Chairman,**

The IAEA regional and national technical cooperation projects **have significantly contributed to nuclear safety and improving an overall effectiveness of peaceful use of nuclear energy in Ukraine.**

Among **National projects for 2016-2017** Ukraine attaches particular significance to the implementation of the project «Rendering assistance in decommissioning and radioactive waste management at the Chornobyl NPP onsite» and relevant regional projects aimed at supporting radiological management of abandoned areas following the Chornobyl accident and dissemination of Chornobyl NPP related information.

As the minimization of consequences of the Chornobyl accident, social and economic rehabilitation of contaminated territories constitute a priority for the Government of Ukraine, my country stands ready to **actively cooperate with the Agency on Chornobyl related issues for the next TCP project cycle for 2018-2019** by further implementing, inter alia, a national project aimed at supporting Chornobyl NPP Units Decommissioning and Radioactive Waste Management at the NPP site and within the Exclusion Zone.

The Delegation of Ukraine wishes to underline that we are ready to share with Member States and the Secretariat our national experience **of successful post-accident activities at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant aimed at converting the destroyed Unit 4** into an environmentally safe system, enabling safe demolition of unstable structures through the use of remote and state-of-art operated equipment.

**Mr Chairman,**

The Delegation of Ukraine wishes to use this opportunity **to express the appreciation of the Government of Ukraine to the Division of Nuclear Security, Department of Nuclear Safety and Security of the IAEA Secretariat** for fruitful cooperation throughout 2016, especially in relation to the Eurovision Song Contest 2017 held in Kyiv from 9 to 13 May, 2017.

We are particularly grateful for conducting the **Workshop on Nuclear Security Measures for Major Public Events** and providing the provision of the necessary expertise and associated training materials and equipment needed for these activities.

Furthermore, two months before the event the IAEA Secretariat **provided a baseline analysis of trends and patterns related to incidents, specific to the region**, reported over the last few years to the IAEA's Incident and Trafficking Data Base (ITDB) relevant to the Eurovision Song Contest 2017 event.

The exceptional success of this major public event to a large extent depended on the **effective implementation of nuclear security measures**, jointly prepared by the Government of Ukraine and the IAEA Division of Nuclear Security.

The Delegation of Ukraine is confident that such events and other joint efforts, aimed at enhancing the level of nuclear and radiation security in Ukraine, **will further contribute to strengthening security and stability in the entire European region.**

**Mr Chairman,**

In conclusion, Ukraine would like to reiterate its **appreciation for the Agency's commitment to the Technical Cooperation Programme** and express gratitude to the Secretariat for providing valuable advisory and technical support to the Government of Ukraine on a broad variety of issues in the field of technical cooperation.

**Thank you, Mr Chairman.**