

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

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Mr Chairman,

The Delegation of Ukraine **takes note of the report of the Director General "The Safeguards Implementation Report for 2016"**, which summarizes the results of the Agency's verification activities in 181 states and presents the Secretariat's assessments of the implementation of safeguards agreements in force in these countries.

Ukraine welcomes the Secretariat's conclusion that it had found no indication of the diversion of declared nuclear material from peaceful nuclear activities and no indication of undeclared nuclear material or activities in 69 states, **including Ukraine**, out of 124 states that had both comprehensive safeguards agreements and additional protocols in force.

The results of the productive cooperation between the Government of Ukraine and the Agency throughout 2016, Ukraine's commitment in fulfilling its international obligations as well as the State System for Accounting and Control effectively introduced in my country, **enabled the Agency to draw the "broad conclusion" for Ukraine in 2016**, in particular by establishing the fact that all nuclear material in Ukraine remained in peaceful activities.

During 2016 the competent authorities of Ukraine submitted to the IAEA Secretariat **all necessary information on nuclear material as well as reports on nuclear material based on results of annual physical inventory**.

Throughout 2016 **Ukraine provided 176 reports** from different institutions of the state system of accounting and control over nuclear material; **20 declarations** with the updated information pursuant to the Additional Protocol, forwarded **24 pre-notifications on international transfer of nuclear material**.

In addition, Ukraine provided on regular basis necessary information for scheduling the relevant IAEA inspections (**48 IAEA inspections** were carried out in different enterprises of Ukraine, including **8 unannounced** and **4 complimentary accesses**).

Reporting materials provided by the competent authorities of Ukraine **ensured that the Agency could carry out a comprehensive evaluation of all safeguards relevant information in Ukraine**.

Ukraine highly appreciates the IAEA's continuation of safeguards application to **all nuclear facilities and materials in Ukraine** in accordance with the norms of international law and the IAEA Statute.

Mr Chairman,

We support the IAEA efforts aimed at strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of its safeguards system.

Ukraine welcomes **Strategic planning activities conducted by the Department of Safeguards' throughout 2016**, including adaptations to planning processes and updating of the Department of Safeguards' strategic plan as well as Departmental **support for the development of the Agency Medium Term Strategy 2018-2023**, which reflects the diverse views and approaches of all Member States, thus presenting the **collective endeavor for mid-term priorities of the Agency's work**.

We recognize the progress made in the area of **development of safeguards implementation at the State level** which will enable the Agency to address new demands and challenges related to the nuclear technologies.

In this vein, we commend the high level of confidence between Ukraine and the Agency reflected in **downsizing, since the application of the integrated safeguards in Ukraine in 2012**, the verification activity in Ukraine.

Bearing in mind that current approaches are an essential part of international confidence-building efforts, Ukraine finds it vital **to continue further improvement and optimization of safeguards regime** in order to effectively respond to growing verification requirements of Member States in this regard.

Against this backdrop, **Ukraine recognizes irrefutable authority and independent role of the Agency in applying safeguards and drawing relevant conclusions** in accordance with its Statute, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties and Agency bilateral and multilateral safeguards agreements. The Delegation of Ukraine notes that **nothing should be done to undermine the authority of the Agency in this regard**.

Mr Chairman,

Ukraine attaches great importance to the IAEA safeguards implementation at the facilities of nuclear energy in Ukraine.

As the **responsibility for nuclear security rests with individual state**, the Delegation of Ukraine wishes to underline that **all nuclear facilities**

of Ukraine are operating in a regular mode. Additional effective measures were undertaken by the competent authorities of Ukraine to ensure their nuclear security, including reinforced physical protection of 15 power units in operation at 4 sites of Ukrainian NPPs.

Ukraine is taking all necessary measures to ensure the highest level of physical protection of nuclear facilities and material, fully performs its international obligations in the area of nuclear safety and security, and comprehensively participates in the implementation of the activities envisaged by the IAEA Nuclear Security Plan.

Over the past three years Ukraine **significantly improved and strengthened the national regime of physical protection of its facilities** and material by developing and introducing at all Ukrainian NPPs comprehensive plans of action in case of sabotage and crisis situation. We implemented projects for modernization of physical protection systems of nuclear and waste management facilities which, inter alia, were incorporated in the Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan of Ukraine for 2016-2018.

At present, we can **confirm the high level of nuclear safety and nuclear security at the Ukrainian NPPs,** where nuclear materials are stored and used.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.