

**Statement by Poland to the  
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*Co- Presidents,  
Director General,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and gentlemen,*

Let me offer our condolences to the families of those who passed in a tragic helicopter crash in Iran.

It is a great privilege to address this ***International Conference on Nuclear Security: Shaping the Future***. We are grateful to Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi for convening this important conference – already a fourth one! Poland strongly supports global efforts for sustaining nuclear security and welcomes the continued leadership of the International Atomic Energy Agency in this area.

This is also why we support the Co-Presidents' Statement.

Poland aligns itself also with the statement made on behalf of the European Union.

**In addition, I would like to make the following remarks in my national capacity.**

I want to start with reiterating that Poland **condemns Russia's** aggression on Ukraine in the strongest possible terms. **We reaffirm our full support** for Ukraine's **independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders.**

It is absolutely clear that international relations must not be based on the use of force. Russian aggression has also **tremendous impact on nuclear domain both civilian and military, including the subject of nuclear security.**

**Moving to the nuclear security,** in response to Russian constantly used narrative referring to Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) as "Russian nuclear installation", **Poland underscores that Russian actions in and around Ukrainian nuclear facilities, in particular the illegal annexation of ZNPP, will never be accepted.**

Poland also supports **the Joint Statement - initiated by Ukraine** - as the Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine resulted in worsening of the nuclear security situation in Ukraine and the issue has become a matter of grave concern for the entire international community.

In this respect we recall the IAEA seven indispensable pillars for ensuring the nuclear safety and security in armed conflicts, which should be applied at all circumstances.

**The resolutions of the IAEA General Conference and Board of Governors adopted so far** - some of them initiated, and others supported by Poland - **are very important in this context.**

The first one sponsored by Poland and Canada was adopted by the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, almost immediately after launching Russian full-scale invasion.

All of the resolutions spoke of Russian military presence as direct threat to nuclear safety, security and safeguards situation in Ukraine territory.

**We therefore call on Russia to implement the resolutions of the Board of Governors of the IAEA in a full and effective manner.**

We also continue **to call on Russia to withdraw its military equipment and all personnel, including that of ROSATOM, from the ZNPP**, and to return its full control to its rightful owner, which is Ukraine.

This is a humbling reminder how vital nuclear security is in the current global environment.

*Mr Presidents,*

Poland **continues to undertake efforts to enhance and sustain nuclear security.** Last December we hosted an **Integrated Nuclear Security Sustainability Plan review mission**. This was the second INSSP mission in Poland, following one in December 2019. Again, the review mission gathered more than a dozen national institutions around one table to discuss in depth their contributions to Poland's nuclear security. This allowed us to appreciate the **level of cooperation and interconnectedness** in the field, as well as the **existing arrangements** at the national level. The exchanges and discussions with the IAEA experts and external partners have been fruitful looking into the future.

As we gather here to shape together the future, let me tell you that the future of Poland is nuclear. Poland is actively preparing for the implementation of the **Polish Nuclear Power Programme**. As we look into and prepare for the introduction of large scale reactors, but also SMRs, we depend on a **robust nuclear security regime for our common security**.

For this reason, we place special importance on **regulatory development**. Poland is a State Party to all the relevant international legal instruments relating to nuclear security. We believe the establishment of adequate nuclear security systems and measures against threats from malicious acts involving nuclear and other radioactive material **requires a solid and sound legal basis**.

This is why we did an extensive review of our legal and regulatory framework to ensure it is effective, efficient and adequate for the introduction of nuclear power into our energy mix. The proposed legal provisions that will be incorporated into our Atomic Law Act and corresponding regulations reflect the latest good practices in nuclear security.

The successful development of the **Polish Nuclear Power Programme** depends further on the development of capabilities and human resources. We will continue to develop and sustain our capabilities together with operators, law enforcement and other stakeholders.

Poland hosted two **International Physical Protection Advisory Service** missions. The missions contributed to enhance nuclear security at the Polish nuclear facilities, including the MARIA research reactor and the Radioactive Waste Management Plant. We will be looking into inviting a new IPPAS mission as we advance in our preparations for the introduction of nuclear power.

We will also continue to support the work of the IAEA Division of Nuclear Security, including through participation in the **Nuclear Security Guidance Committee (NSGC)**.

*Co-Presidents, Ladies and gentlemen*

We are committed to preserving the highest standards of nuclear security in all peaceful applications of nuclear technology. We regularly review the **design basis threat (DBT)**. A review of our DBT will take place later this year. As we grow in capacity we keep an eye on **future trends, new technologies and emerging challenges** to uphold a strong nuclear security architecture. In a changing threat environment we always need to be one step ahead.

To conclude, let me use this opportunity to express our appreciation to all convened here today for your commitment and actions in support of nuclear security. Nuclear security is a collective responsibility and we need to shape the future together.

*Thank you Mr Presidents.*