

**Statement by  
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at the International Conference on Nuclear Security  
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Co-Presidents,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,

1. Thailand expresses its deepest condolences to the Islamic Republic of Iran for the demise of the President and the Foreign Minister from the recent tragic incident.

Co-Presidents,

2. Thailand congratulates Australia and Kazakhstan on their appointment as Co-Presidents of the Conference. We commend their leadership and dedicated efforts during the consultation process leading up to the Conference. We also thank them for issuing the Co-Presidents' Statement.

3. Thailand extends its appreciation to the IAEA for organizing this important conference and for its leading role and contributions toward strengthening the global nuclear security architecture.

Co-Presidents,

4. We are gathered here in a challenging time marked by uncertainties in the **geopolitical landscape, conflicts in various parts of the world, and complexities in security issues. Technological developments** such as artificial intelligence, autonomous technologies, and **sophisticated cyber capabilities** have added new dimensions to these challenges, making **nuclear threats** even more complex.

5. With the heightened **nuclear risk**, the **International Conference on Nuclear Security** this year is timely, providing an **opportunity to bolster nuclear security** amid the specter of a potential new Cold War.

6. In this regard, Thailand wishes to emphasize four important points:

7. **First, multilateralism is the basis for our efforts** as we reaffirm our political commitment to uphold global norms and engage in further deliberations to strengthen nuclear security. Only with the **spirit of multilateralism** based on inclusivity, equity, and the rule of law can we counter the rising trend of **protectionism and unilateralism**.

8. Recognizing the significant contribution of nuclear security to the maintenance of international peace and security, we must work toward the universalization and effective implementation of relevant international legal instruments, including the **International Convention on the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT)**, the **Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and its Amendment (CPPNM/A)** and the relevant **UNSC resolutions**, including resolution 1540.

9. The IAEA has a critical role to play in this regard. Thailand reiterates the fundamental importance of upholding **the Director General's seven indispensable pillars** as well as **the IAEA General Conference's decision GC53/DEC/13** to ensure that the safety and security of all nuclear facilities established and operated for peaceful purposes will not be affected or disrupted under any circumstances.

10. *Second, security begins at home.* Each member State has a responsibility to establish and maintain a robust nuclear security infrastructure. Last year, Thailand adopted the **National Nuclear Security Regime** as a framework for the prevention, detection, and response to nuclear security threats, following the adoption of **the National Plan for Nuclear and Radiation Emergency Preparedness and Response**, and the establishment of the **Emergency Operation Center**. We also work closely with the IAEA through **the Integrated Nuclear Security Sustainability Plan (INSSP)**, and look forward to receiving **the International Nuclear Security Advisory Service (INSServ)** later this year. Such efforts are crucial to ensure **safe and secure use of nuclear energy**, particularly for achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals**.

11. *Third, partnership is key* to strengthen our nuclear security efforts. **International cooperation** through sharing of good practices, capacity-building, advisory services, and technology, with the IAEA at the core, is crucial. In this regard, Thailand recently joined **the Response and Assistance Network (RANET)** to offer its assistance, where possible, in minimizing and addressing consequences of nuclear or radiological emergency in another country.

12. **Regional cooperation** also complements global efforts to strengthen nuclear security. In Southeast Asia, **ASEANTOM** serves as a network among ASEAN countries and dialogue partners for cooperation on awareness-raising and building nuclear security capabilities. Thailand also actively participates in the **Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI)**. Last year, we co-hosted, with the United States, the **PSI Southeast Asia Regional Workshop**.

13. *Lastly*, a **concrete progress in nuclear disarmament is critically needed**. Thailand is committed to work toward achieving the shared goal of a world free of nuclear weapons. It is of vital importance that the collective deliberation to realize this goal must remain a priority. It is also our firm belief that complete and verifiable nuclear disarmament will positively contribute to global nuclear security.

Co-Presidents,

14. In closing, Thailand reaffirms its **unwavering commitment and continuous efforts** to strengthen global nuclear security, recognizing its indispensable role in international peace and security. We stand ready to work with all partners to achieve this collective goal of **a safer and more secure world**.

15. Thank you.

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