

**Statement of the United Arab Emirates to International Conference on  
Nuclear Security: Shaping the Future**

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Co- chairs, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on being elected to chair the “International conference on Nuclear Security: Shaping the Future’, which is being organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). This high-level conference is important for us, as policymakers, decision makers, to discuss various issues related to nuclear security regimes and take the necessary actions.

Our meeting today is timely and crucial. The complexity and evolving threats facing nuclear facilities are changing. Nuclear terrorism and serious threats that result from malicious acts using nuclear or other radioactive materials continue to pose risks to the international community.

We are pleased to see solid measures are being implemented in many IAEA Member States in enhancing their national security regimes. We highly value the important role the IAEA plays towards this end.

I take this opportunity to highlight that the UAE has adopted a robust integrated approach, where nuclear safety, security and safeguards are addressed altogether.

The UAE Peaceful Nuclear Programme has become a role model for being built and operated with excellence, and adhering to highest standards of safety, security, safeguards. Such a milestone reflects the unwavering government commitment in the UAE, coupled with the strong cooperation with our national and international partners that made us where we are today.

Nuclear security has always been a key element to which the UAE is fully committed. UAE attaches great importance to universal adherence to and full implementation of the international instruments related to nuclear security. The UAE acceded to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) in 2003 and its amendment in 2009.

The UAE is also a party to the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, and fully implementing the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources. The UAE adopted a solid legislative and regulatory framework and implemented a series of measures to ensure full implementation of these conventions and other conventions.

Nuclear Security cannot be strengthened and sustained at the international level without extensive international cooperation and assistance. The UAE, has worked closely with the IAEA to develop a strong national nuclear security regime and thus benefitted from numerous IAEA review missions such as the International Physical Protection Advisory Service (IPPAS) mission as well as training courses, national and international workshops in the field of nuclear security.

One of the aspects that reflect the importance of nuclear security is we worked closely with the IAEA and sought its expertise during the EXPO2020 and COP28 we hosted in the UAE. These two mega events reflected the growing international efforts to ensure nuclear security in coordination with the IAEA.

I am delighted to mention that the UAE will host in November this year the Technical Meeting on Lessons Learned from 20 Years of IAEA Support to Major Public Events where over 100 participants from 70 countries will take part in such an event. We look forward to such a rich and insightful discussion amongst the participants.

In addition, I would like to stress here that the UAE prepares for the future in anticipating the needs of the nuclear sector: the Board of Management of the Federal Authority for Nuclear Regulation (FANR) has just approved last week an updated regulation on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities and Cyber Security. This regulation addressees the challenges related to advanced nuclear technologies; it will support future nuclear energy and nuclear applications plans while maintaining high level of nuclear security.

The UAE places paramount importance on ensuring nuclear security on all fronts and is committed to work with its partners towards this end.

My delegation aligns itself with the joint statement issued by the co-chairs at the beginning of this conference, we are confident that extensive work of the IAEA and its Member States will have a fruitful outcome towards achieving nuclear security objectives.

I thank you,