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# Communication dated 1 June 2011 from the Resident Representative of Japan to the Agency regarding an international conference on nuclear safety

The Director General has received a letter dated 1 June 2011 from the Resident Representative of Japan to the Agency concerning Japan's intention to organize an international conference, during the latter half of 2012, on nuclear safety in cooperation with the IAEA.

As requested by the Resident Representative of Japan, the letter is circulated herewith for information of all Member States.

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Excellency,

First of all I would like to reiterate my heartfelt gratitude to you and the staff of the Agency, for the valuable support and priceless contributions which you have provided to Japan with regard to the Fukushima Daiichi accident. I have the honour to inform you that, on 27 May 2011, Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Naoto Kan announced that Japan shall be organizing an international conference during the latter half of 2012 on nuclear safety in cooperation with the IAEA, based on the findings of the investigation of the nuclear power accidents.

On the same occasion, Prime Minister Kan identified the further improvement of nuclear safety as one of the key challenges in the future energy policy of Japan. Prime Minister Kan shared his view that the accident that occurred at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station was an unprecedented experience for our country as it involved a combination of the following three aspects: the coincident occurrence of both a natural disaster and a nuclear accident, the simultaneous development of more than one accident in the units of the nuclear power station, and the continuous development of the accident as a whole spanning over an extended period of time.

To clarify the aims of the said international conference to be held in Japan during the latter half of 2012, Prime Minister made the following remarks:

- Japan considers it to be its responsibility to share the lessons learned through this experience with the international community.
- Japan will continue to make maximum efforts aimed at achieving the highest standards of nuclear safety, including through the implementation of measures such as counter-measures against earthquakes and tsunamis.
- Using the knowledge gained through assessments of this accident, Japan also commits itself to further contribute to the efforts to develop relevant nuclear safety standards, in which the IAEA will continue to play a central role.

I would like to kindly request the Agency to circulate this letter to IAEA Member States as an INFCIRC document.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of our highest considerations.

Encl.: As Noted



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