

**STATEMENT**  
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*Ambassador Filippo Formico,*

1. On behalf of the Delegation of Viet Nam I would like to extend our warm congratulations to you on your election as the President of the Fifty-Ninth IAEA General Conference. I am convinced that with rich experience and distinguished leadership you will lead the General Conference to a great success.

*Mr. President,*

2. The Delegation of Vietnam would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados and Turkmenistan, as new Member States of the Agency.

3. The Delegation of Viet Nam appreciates the great efforts and remarkable achievements made by the Agency in performance of its mandate in 2015.

We take note of the achievements of nuclear technology application in nuclear energy, health care, agriculture, environment, water resource management. These are the IAEA's real and significant contributions to socio- economic development of member states, thus achieving UN Millennium Development goals. We give high appreciation to the Report on the Fukushima Daiichi Accident. This reflects the extensive international collaborative efforts from the IAEA and member states. The lessons drawn from this accident make

significant contribution to the global nuclear safety in the future, particularly to those who are newly embarking on nuclear power.

We particularly welcome the Joint comprehensive Plan of Action reached by the P5+1 and Iran, and the Road – Map for the clarification of assessment of the past and present outstanding issues regarding Iran's Nuclear program between the IAEA and Iran. This historical milestone has proven that dialogue and diplomacy are the only way to solve the issue and lead to success, thus contributing to peace and stability in the region and the World.

We consider the international legal instruments very important to enhance the international nuclear security regime. We call on all parties who have not yet ratified the 2005 Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) to make ratification in order to early bring it into force.

*Mr. President,*

4. Viet Nam attaches great importance to the cooperation with the Agency, its Member States, and other international organizations in the nuclear area while implementing the Strategy for Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy up to 2020.

5. We note with satisfaction that the IAEA/TC projects under the Country Program Framework (CPF) 2011 - 2015 have provided substantial support to Viet Nam in both nuclear power and non - power and helped Vietnam develop the nuclear infrastructure (legal, safety and security, human resource etc). In addition, they have also effectively promoted nuclear technology application in many areas such as health-care, agriculture, industries, environment etc. Viet Nam has been actively working with the IAEA to develop its new CPF for period 2016 – 2020. This new CPF has identified priorities for technical

cooperation with IAEA in conformity with Viet Nam's national development goal for next 5 years.

*Mr. President,*

7. Viet Nam has achieved outstanding results in the nuclear technology application in health - care and agriculture.

Recently, thanks to the Government efforts and IAEA' assistance, 4 cyclotrons and 8 PET Centers (including 3 regional on-site cyclotron and PET Centers) have been established in Ha Noi, Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh city. Besides, Viet Nam was one of the first countries to have received an imPACT mission to assess comprehensive, multi-agency needs of the cancer control system in Viet Nam. We appreciate and sincerely thank the OFID and the IAEA/PACT Program for their assistance to the Project "Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening in Viet Nam", of which 450.000 US\$ was granted by the OFID.

9. In agriculture, the project of fruit fly control in the dragon fruit production area of Binh Thuan Province by integrating the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) with other suppression methods supported by the IAEA for several years has achieved prominent results. In the near future, we plan to widen this cooperation.

10. Besides, food and fruits irradiation has also been strengthened and focused on food safety for export. Moreover, nuclear techniques have been popularly applied to researches on soil erosion, soil management and plant.

*Mr. President,*

11. For nuclear energy, at present, 02 Ninh Thuan NPP Projects are in Siting and Feasibility Study approval stage. To ensure safety, security and efficiency of the NPP, Viet Nam has been actively building the nuclear infrastructure

under the guidance of the IAEA, within its Integrated Work Plan for developing Nuclear Power Infrastructure and periodically consulting with the IAEA review missions. We appreciate very much and have absorbed lessons learned from the Fukushima Daiichi Accident for construction of our NPP projects.

*Mr. President,*

13. Regarding the human resource development for the NPP, the National Program on Education, Training and Development of Human Resource focuses on both domestic and overseas channels. So far Viet Nam has sent about 350 students to Russia and will send 100 students to Japan in the period 2016-2020. In addition, the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) has been assigned to work out the Master plan on training and retraining personal of state management, R&D, and technical support for nuclear power development up to 2020. Many seminars and workshops on project management, infrastructure project, and grid for nuclear power have been held with the IAEA support.

14. In order to serve the nuclear power and non power application as well as to train staff for nuclear sector in the future, Pre-FS of Center for Nuclear Energy Science and Technology Project with a new multi-purpose 15 MW Research Reactor has been submitted to Prime Minister for approval in 2015.

*Mr. President,*

15. We understand the important role of international legal instruments to the nuclear safety, nuclear security and non– proliferation. Therefore, Viet Nam has acceded to almost Conventions and Treaties related. We are considering joining the International Convention on the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear

Terrorism in the near future. Viet Nam also actively studies the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage and the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage.

*Mr. President,*

16. Development of a comprehensive nuclear security infrastructure is another high priority as reflected in Viet Nam's Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP), which has been jointly developed with and assisted by the IAEA, and officially approved by the Government in May 2012 and last reviewed in December 2014.

17. The Government of Viet Nam has paid much attention to strengthening legal framework and building capacities of national regulatory bodies. The Atomic Energy Law adopted in 2008 is being revised to meet the reality requirements, particularly after the Fukushima Daiichi accident, and will be submitted to the National Assembly for approval in 2016.

*Mr. President,*

18. As a responsible Member State, Viet Nam has fully and timely fulfilled its obligations and commitments to the Agency, including the financial contribution. In 2015, in collaboration with the Agency Viet Nam has successfully hosted a number of the IAEA/RCA workshops and training courses, as well as arranged fellowships and scientific visits from other Member States. This in-kind contribution of Viet Nam is estimated around US \$ 200.000.

19. In conclusion, Mr. President, the Delegation of Vietnam wishes to thank the Agency for its cooperation and valuable assistance. We would like to reaffirm Vietnam's full support to the Agency for the promotion of nuclear

science and technology for a world of peace, stability, co-operation and development.

Thank you for your kind attention. /.