

## **Remarks by the Delegation of Armenia at the 2017 GICNT Plenary**

Mr. Chairman, Dear Colleagues,

Let me join the previous speakers and thank the Government of Japan, in particular the Foreign Ministry for organizing and hosting the GICNT Plenary and the IAG meetings in the Capital of the Rising Sun. I want to thank also the two Co-chairing countries, the United States and the Russian Federation, for their joint efforts aimed at further strengthening the fight against nuclear terrorism through the activities of this important Initiative, as well as for their continued support to partner countries to enhance national capacities in addressing nuclear threats.

There is no doubt that a lot of work has been done by the GICNT family in the area of combatting the threat of nuclear and radiological terrorism. While the significant progress has been achieved, challenges still remain.

Dear Colleagues,

From the very first day of its participation at the GICNT, the Government of Armenia has taken necessary measures to further strengthen its national and international capabilities to counter the threats of WDM terrorism. Armenia fully shares the objectives and principles enshrined in the GICNT Statement of Principles. Armenia is a party to main international conventions in combating terrorism, including the acts of Nuclear Terrorism. In parallel, the Government has implemented a broad set of legislative and administrative measures to improve its regulation and security of radioactive and nuclear material, strengthen its border security against the smuggling of hazardous materials, and develop its capacity to investigate and prosecute these incidents. Appropriate legal documents have been adopted in the area of licensing and physical protection of nuclear and radioactive material. These documents are designed to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and its Amendment which was ratified by Armenian Parliament in 2013.

A significant progress has been registered in the framework of combating money laundering, terrorism and proliferation financing: according to the evaluation report of the Council of Europe MONEYVAL Committee Armenia has achieved substantial level of effectiveness for the issues related to proliferation financing.

Thank you.