

NATIONAL STATEMENT OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Current challenges to the nuclear non-proliferation regime and the constant danger of nuclear terrorism reaffirm necessity of achieving the highest standards in the field of nuclear security and non-proliferation regime. As we all know, consequences of nuclear incidents cannot stay inside the state borders. In that context all countries have responsibility to incorporate the highest international technical and legal standards in domestic laws and to establish appropriate system to protect nuclear material and radioactive sources.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is non-nuclear country, without nuclear facilities and without the plans to build some, but few types of ionizing sources categories 1 and 2 are used in medicine and in smaller volume in industry, agriculture and other fields. Therefore Bosnia and Herzegovina has adopted the most important international treaties, conventions and agreements of great importance for safety and security, including the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency, Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident, Convention on Nuclear Safety and Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management. In addition, Bosnia and Herzegovina expresses full and unambiguous political support to the implementation of legally non-binding instruments - The Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources, as well as IAEA Nuclear Security Series.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has signed Safeguards Agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina and International Atomic Energy Agency in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and Additional Protocol to the Safeguards Agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina and International Atomic Energy Agency in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has committed to implementation of its obligations deriving from UNSC 1373 and 1540 Resolutions.

The establishment of the State Regulatory Agency for Radiation and Nuclear Safety (SRARNS) and strengthening of its capacities has created conditions for the implementation of treaties in the field of radioactive and nuclear material security, to which Bosnia and Herzegovina is a contracting party. SRARNS is in charge of implementing these treaties under the Law on Radiation and Nuclear Safety in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As the government partner to IAEA and the responsible authority for the implementation of international agreements in this field, the SRARNS closely cooperates with IAEA Department of Safeguards, whose inspectors regularly conduct inspections of nuclear material in Bosnia and Herzegovina. During the conduct of inspections, the inspectors are given full support by the SRARNS staff tasked with the monitoring of situation in the field of control of nuclear material in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The inspectors conduct inspections on the base of Bosnia and Herzegovina's regular reports submitted to the IAEA Safeguards Department.

SRARNS enacted „Regulation on Security of Nuclear Material and Radioactive Sources” in 2013 with the purpose of establishing norms to ensure security of the radioactive and nuclear material in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Under the Regulation, authorization holders are requested to have in place their security plans (for cat. 1 and 2 of radioactive sources) and apply security measures for its radiation sources and nuclear material during their use, possession and transport. SRARNS has mandate to control activities of authorization holders in implementation of security measures.

It also should be mentioned that Bosnia and Herzegovina has in place Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP). This document is of great importance for Bosnia and Herzegovina nuclear security regime because it provides in one place a summary level of information regarding activities undertaken or planned to be undertaken by a Bosnia and Herzegovina with the specific objective of enhancing nuclear security.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has an excellent and continuous cooperation with US National Nuclear Security Administration – Office of Radiological Security, in particular in organizing regional workshops for education of our officials related to nuclear security.