Mr. CHAIRPERSONS

-Distinguished Delegates

Good afternoon,

On behalf of Madagascar Government and as Delegate from Madagascar, allow me first of all to express thanks to Japan for the invitation and his warm hospitality;

I would join my voice and express my sincere condolences to Afghan Government for the loss, and injured for bombing attack in Kabul yesterday. I would like to offer my prayers for the victims and their families;

I extend my gratitude to the leadership of co-chairs of Russian Federation and United States;

Mr. CHAIRPERSONS,

Madagascar is situated in the Indian Ocean and well positioned to play a major role as the Biggest Island in the region. Madagascar is an active member of Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and is aware on Global initiative to combat nuclear terrorism.

In twenty years, Madagascar had experienced socio-political problems (1991, 2002, and 2009) and has had a negative consequence with high level of poverty, illicit traffic and insecurity. Hopefully, those experience teach us to stand firmly, to focus on human development and making effort to establish security. The return of constitutional normalcy marked by the election of H.E. Hery Rajaonarimampianina as the President of the Republic of Madagascar in January 2014 which brings hope and prosperity for the Nation. Madagascar is actually active to contribute and to fight against terrorism, illicit trafficking and improving safe control.

Actions and measures taken by the Government of Madagascar in national level:

-First, Madagascar has signed Country Programme Framework (CPF) for the period of 2014-2019 on 23 September 2014, which is the frame of reference for the medium-term planning of technical cooperation and identifying priority areas where the transfer of nuclear technology and technical cooperation resources will be directed to support national development goals.

This 2014-2019 CPF identifies 4 priority areas:
1. Human health (cancer control)
2. Agriculture
3. Energy planning and economics
4. Mining and radiation safety
Secondly, National Assembly of Madagascar promulgates the Law nº2014-005 dated on 17 July 2014 combatting transnational terrorism and organized crime and establishing two structures called:

1. “Institut National des Sciences et Techniques Nucléaires” (INSTN Madagascar) which coordinates and harmonizes any national or international research programs requiring the peaceful use of nuclear science and technology and participate in their development and implementation.
2. “Structure Nationale d’Orientation de la Lutte contre le Terrorisme” (SNOLT) combatting terrorism that I am humble to be the Head of this organism.

-Madagascar has ratified last year (IAEA) Security of nuclear and radioactive material;
-Madagascar promulgates anti-cyber-crime law to fight crimes consequent to abuse of IT, computer and internet;

Mr. CHAIRPERSONS,

I would confirm that Madagascar is looking for learning partner’s good practice and working together to commit Global initiative to combat nuclear terrorism.

Thank you for your attention.

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Sources: SNOLT and Embassy of Madagascar to Japan, 1st June 2017.