

JAPAN National Statement

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I would like to express Japan's sincere gratitude to the Government of Argentina for its hospitality, and to the Co-Chairs, the Russian Federation and the United States, for their strong initiative for the GICNT meeting.

I would also like to express thanks to the IAG (Implementation and Assessment Group) Coordinator, and to the Working Group Chairs for all the excellent work.

Mr. Chairman,

It was a great honor for Japan to have had an opportunity to host the plenary meeting in 2017, and allow me to share with you some of our efforts undertaken since then.

(1. Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games)

Firstly, in February 2018, Japan and the IAEA signed the Practical Arrangements for implementing nuclear security measures for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

In April this year, we had a fruitful discussion with IAEA nuclear security specialist in Tokyo under the Arrangement.

Japan intends to further strengthen its cooperation with the IAEA to take all possible counterterrorism measures at the Tokyo 2020 Games.

(2. IPPAS Follow-up Mission)

Secondly, in December 2018, Japan hosted the IAEA IPPAS (International Physical Protection Advisory Service) follow-up mission, carried out to review Japan's responses to the recommendations of the initial mission in 2015.

The IPPAS mission team saw "significant enhancements since the previous mission, observing that the nuclear security regime is robust and well-established, and incorporates the fundamental principles of the amended CPPNM".

Japan will continue to further strengthen our nuclear security measures.

(3. Capacity Building by ISCN)

Thirdly, Japan is also actively engaged in capacity building for partner nations. Japan established "Integrated Support Center for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Nuclear Security (ISCN), under Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA) in 2010, and has provided training courses for more than 4,200 people from 86 countries to this date.

Training courses for this year are slated too, and when contacted, active participation is very much appreciated.

(Concluding remarks)

Mr. Chairman,

Japan remains committed to playing a role in strengthening global nuclear security and further enhancing international cooperation to that end.

Muchas gracias!

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