

Statement
by Her Excellency Ms. Patcharee Poompachati
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Mr. Chairman,
Mr. and Madame Co-Chairs,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

At the outset, on behalf of the Royal Thai Government, I wish to convey our sincere appreciation to the Russian Federation and the United States of America, as Co-Chairs of the GICNT, for their leadership and support. Our appreciation also extends to the Argentine Republic for hosting this important meeting and their excellent hospitality.

As a Partner Nation, Thailand wishes to reaffirm our commitment in upholding and furthering the GICNT's Statement of Principles. We strongly believe that robust implementation of these Principles contributes significantly in strengthening the nuclear security regime, both domestically and internationally.

Today, I would like to share our progress and achievements for the past few years.

First, Thailand attaches priority to strengthening domestic implementation of nuclear-related activities. The Office of Atoms for Peace works in collaboration with domestic agencies in promoting peaceful use of nuclear and in overseeing nuclear-related activities to ensure compliance with domestic and international obligations.

Second, following the entry into force of the Nuclear Energy for Peace Act in 2017, Thailand was able to become Parties to several important multilateral instruments. In 2018, Thailand acceded to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM), the Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS), as well as the Joint Convention on the Safety and Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management. And recently in May 2019, Thailand ratified the International Convention on the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT).

Third, Thailand has actively participated and contributed to the GICNT activities. In March 2018, Thailand hosted the GICNT Nuclear Forensics Regional Workshop "Destiny Elephant" in collaboration with the Australian and the United States Governments. The workshop was an important platform for facilitating

dialogues among countries to address challenges and develop capacity on nuclear forensics. Thailand looks forward to continuing its close partnerships with GICNT partner nations as well as stakeholders.

Fourth, Thailand is now working closely with the Nuclear Forensics Working Group (NWFG) on the Self-Assessment Tool initiative. We believe that this Tool plays a crucial role in enhancing countries' capabilities through evaluation and assessment of their strengths and area for improvement on nuclear forensics aspect. We hope the feedback provided by Thailand to the NWFG will be useful for its deliberation and we encourage our GICNT colleagues to support and take part in the implementation of the Self-Assessment Tool.

Fifth, at the upcoming 2019 ASEANTOM meeting in July, during Thailand's chairmanship, Thailand will sign the "Practical Arrangements between the IAEA and the Office of Atoms for Peace Thailand on Cooperation in the Area of Nuclear Forensic Science."

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GICNT has for the past decade been instrumental in establishing and preserving a nuclear security architecture that works for the benefits of the international community. We need to keep this good momentum going.

Finally, I am certain that this meeting will be productive and set the course for our future deliberations to advance the work of the GICNT.

Thank you.
