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Regarding the results of the Summit on Nuclear Safety

Mr. Chairperson,

We view positively the results of the Summit on Nuclear Safety that was held on 12 and 13 April in Washington at the initiative of the President of the United States of America and in which the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Dmitry Medvedev, took part.

That forum demonstrated the unity of views regarding the current situation and tasks connected with improving physical nuclear safety and preventing the threat of nuclear terrorism by, among other ways, strengthening the non-proliferation regime for nuclear weapons, and also with regard to the specific measures that could in the future help to render completely safe the storage of nuclear materials.

One of the practical achievements of the Summit was the decision by the Russian side to close down by the end of the current year the last weapons-grade plutonium reactor at Zeleznogorsk in the Krasnoyarsk region, as announced at the plenary meeting by the Russian President.

We welcome the adoption of the final communiqué of the Summit setting out the general principles and areas of co-operation as regards nuclear safety, and of the plan of work to improve physical nuclear safety, containing as it does a list of specific measures to be taken by States on a voluntary basis.

It is with satisfaction that we note that the communiqué reaffirms the fundamental role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the area of international physical nuclear safety, and that the Plan of Work refers to the importance of the universal application of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism.

It is our expectation that the decisions adopted at the Summit will be of help in further extending and deepening international co-operation with a view to enhancing nuclear safety in line with the strict observance of commitments as regards non-proliferation.

Thank you for your attention.