

**Excerpt from the statement by Amb. J. Enkhsaikhan of Mongolia
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Mongolia attaches great importance to the activities of IAEA, which I personally consider as one of the important and essential international organizations of this new century. Like other countries, my country highly appreciates the activities of the Agency in all the three areas of its mandate. It is important that these three pillars of the Agency are equitably balanced, and respond to growing interest and demand of its membership. The Report of the Director-General to the 53-rd General Conference on the Agency's activities and the Conference's resolutions that we are having before us are an important starting point of our activities.

Like many other members of the Agency, Mongolia is exploring the possible utilization of nuclear energy to meet its future energy demands. With little experience in these areas, Mongolia, like many other members of the Agency, is looking forward to working closely with the Agency, its members that are more advanced in these areas as well as other important actors in these fields. The decisions taken by the General Conference last week create favorable conditions for the Board of Governors to focus on the issues of the so-called new-comers.

I would like to underline here my Government's full support for the Agency's safeguards and verification activities. With many countries adopting nuclear power programs, the Agency's activities in this important area need to be fully supported. It is to be hoped that the Agency and its members would be able to contribute to a successful and practically productive outcome of the forthcoming NPT review conference.

Allow me to take this opportunity to express my delegation's readiness to work with you, Mr. Chairman, other members of the Board and the Secretariat to carry out the important task assigned to the Board by the Statute and decisions of the General Conference.