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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank the Director General and his team for the report on the Agency's Nuclear Security Report contained in document GOV/2010/42 which provides rich information on the activities of the Agency and their results in the period between July 2009 and June 2010.

My delegation joins the previous speakers in underlining that nuclear security is one of the foremost challenges we face today. I therefore wish to commend IAEA and member states for their initiatives to make sure that nuclear security remains high on the agenda. In the period under review such meetings have been held, according to the report, in South Africa, Washington D.C. and New York that sent positive signals to make the world a more safe place.

My delegation agrees that the process of ratification of the 2005 Amendment to the CPPNM is going slowly despite the calls on the CPPNM parties to take early steps to bring the Amendment into force. Perhaps holding of regional seminars on the issue would need to be held to underline the benefits of the Amendment to the states parties and to the international community as a whole.

Mongolia welcomes the publishing of the Legal Series document in which international legal instruments relevant to nuclear security are briefly described, obligations of States pointed out and the Agency's responsibilities summarized. Likewise, we are looking forward to other publications, especially the IAEA Nuclear Security Series that would surely benefit member states.

Another innovation is the development of Nuclear Security Information Portal (NUSEC) that is expected to support nuclear security efforts by providing an interactive nuclear

security knowledge-based environment to support nuclear security policies and activities at all level. The report also describes the Agency's activities in nuclear security services, risk reduction as well as emergency preparedness and response.

This brings us to the issue of funding. As it is pointed out in the report, expenditure from the Nuclear Security Fund is expected to increase due to the increased need for support of many member states in establishing effective nuclear security. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the states that have contributed to the Fund and, as recommended in the report, would call on member states to contribute on a voluntary basis to the Fund.