

**Statement on the Agenda item: 2 The Agency's Accounts for 2010,
including the External Auditor's Report**

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I would like to thank Deputy Director General David Waller for his introductory remarks and commend the Secretariat for the preparation of document containing the Agency's Accounts and Programme Evaluation Report for the Year 2010. I would also like to thank Mr. Norbert Hauser, the External Auditor, and his staff for their hard work and contribution.

My delegation would like to associate itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China. At the same time I wish to make the following remarks in my national capacity.

We note with satisfaction that there have been no significant material weaknesses in the Agency's accounts and that there is a clean bill of financial health. However, we express regret that the outstanding assessed contributions have increased. Member States should do their utmost to fulfill their statutory obligations. We express our support for the External Auditor's efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the major Technical Cooperation programs (TCP), which is the main statutory vehicle for promoting nuclear technology for sustainable socio-economic development in developing countries. External Auditor's field missions have shown that there is still room for improvement that needs to be followed-up. Hence, we would like to thank the External Auditor for his pro-active advice and request the Secretariat to bear in mind his comments and practical recommendations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Amb. Rasi of Finland, Chairperson of the Working Group on Financing the Agency's Activities for her brief report in the form of a note that identifies a budget scenario which could form the basis of a consensus at the forthcoming session of the Board of Governors in early June. My delegation, like others, is prepared to assist her in her delicate and sensitive consultations.

Mr. Chairman,

Mongolia supports increased attention on high priority program areas of the Agency. Energy production, human health as well as food and agricultural sectors, since they are of growing importance for many developing countries that are trying to make a wider use of nuclear energy

and applications for their socio-economic needs. In light of the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Japan, my delegation agrees to consider the possibility of increasing the resources in Major Programme 3 (Nuclear Safety and Security). Thus it supports the Director-General's recommendations to the draft 2012-2013 programme and budget, submitted in GOV/2011/1, that would increase allocation of funds for programmes "Safety of Nuclear Installations" and "Radiation and Transport Safety" as well as for "Nuclear Power" with a priority to be given to such areas as design, life extension and site selection.

The report shows that the assistance provided by the Secretariat helped many Member States in addressing the challenges posed by the growing cancer threat or fighting trans-boundary animal diseases that threaten food security and safety of millions, negatively affect economies of many countries and hamper poverty alleviation. According to the PACT office information, many countries are benefiting from cancer prevention and combating programs. This should be continued and thus the funding should be increased accordingly.

Rapid diagnosis and vaccine strain determination and taking immediate measures in cases of the outbreak of transboundary animal diseases by the use of nuclear technology helps livestock-breeders to contain the spread of the diseases, to effectively fight such diseases and save animals, which are vital sources of livelihood, employment and economic development in many countries. Moreover, irradiation of microbial pathogens has shown its advantage over chemical methods of inactivation. Therefore this method needs to be promoted in the production of animal vaccines. Since FMD and other transboundary animal diseases present a major challenge to over 100 countries, it would be advisable for the Secretariat, perhaps for the joint FAO/IAEA division to undertake a study on the possible economic effects of the use of nuclear technology in addressing the issues of effectively combating transboundary animal diseases.

Finally, we agree that the Agency-wide Information System for Programme (AIPS) project is one of the important projects that is in line with one of its basic mandates and promotes a more transparent financial reporting based on IPSAS (International Public Sector Accounting Standards). Thus, my delegation believes that this project should remain a priority when it comes to the financing from the budget.

With these comments my delegation takes note of the reports presented to this Committee and agrees that they be transmitted to the Board and the General Conference.