

CLOSING REMARKS

The 14th INPRO Dialogue Forum on the Potential of Nuclear Energy to Support the Sustainable Development Goals, Including Climate Change Mitigation

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Mr Juergen Kupitz (Chairperson), Ladies and Gentlemen, dear colleagues,

I would like to thank all of you for your participation in the 14th INPRO Dialogue Forum. The meeting has served its main purpose, which is to facilitate a dialogue between technology holders and potential technology users and other stakeholders. This was an important opportunity to share information, perspectives and knowledge on the Potential of Nuclear Energy to Support the Sustainable Development Goals, Including Climate Change Mitigation.

[Even though the president of the US announced last Thursday that the US would withdraw from the Paris climate agreement, to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change is still a crucial global issue for the international community to continuously pursue.]

During the last three days, Keynote speakers, Member States' experts and IAEA staff members have made presentations on various topics related to the Sustainable Development Goals, such as “Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – What is the Role of Nuclear S&T”, “The role of nuclear energy systems in low-carbon energy scenarios”, “The Essential Role of Nuclear Power in Mitigating Climate Change: How can the nuclear community deliver?”, “Climate Change and Nuclear Power”, “Evaluation of Nuclear Power as a Cost-Effective Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to Climate Change Mitigation”, and IAEA Services related to System Analysis, Longer Term Deployments, Existing NPP Fleet – Reactor Aging Management, and Near Term Deployments.

You have discussed a number of key topics which are important to the Sustainable Development Goals and also shared your expertise and opinions on the Roles of nuclear S&T to achieve UN SDGs and the increased role of nuclear power in achieving UN SDGs, including climate change mitigation through Break-out session and the Panel Discussion session. I believe that a broader set of IAEA Member States have now been familiarized with the role of nuclear energy systems in achieving the UN SDGs. Through this Dialogue Forum, Member States

also have been made aware of the IAEA's present activities and services directly related to the UN SDGs including climate change mitigation.

I would like to acknowledge the Nuclear Power Technology Development Section, Nuclear Power Engineering Section, Nuclear Infrastructure Development Section, and especially Planning and Economic Studies Section (PESS) of Planning, Information and Knowledge Management Division for their support in organizing and implementing this Forum.

I thank the Scientific Secretaries, Mr Rho and Mr Grigoriev, and the Administrative Secretary, Ms Tagani, for their hard work in preparations and execution, and I also thank the INPRO staff, interns, and the conference clerk for their essential assistance during the meeting.

I especially want to thank the Forum Chairman, Mr Juergen Kupitz, for his continuous and enthusiastic support to advance this Dialogue Forum and to INPRO.

Finally, I thank all of our Member States' delegates for their active participation and wish you a safe trip back home! I declare this Dialogue Forum closed.