

## **13th GIF-IAEA Interface Meeting**

### **Closing Remarks**

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Mr Chair,

Dear GIF Participants and IAEA Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Atomic Energy Agency, I would like to thank all of you for your active participation in the 13th GIF-IAEA Interface Meeting. The meeting has served its main purpose to exchange information on the progress, status and future activities related to R&D on Generation IV reactors and several cross-cutting topics. We have also monitored progress and updated status of action items agreed in the previous interface meeting. We will continue to consider new opportunities for cooperation and coordination of our activities of mutual interest.

The continuation of this interface and cooperation between GIF and the IAEA helps create an important link between the IAEA's diverse efforts to support Member States, and an important international R&D collaboration among several leading nuclear technology developing nations. We also trust that these activities support IAEA member states in their efforts to reach the UN Sustainability Development Goals through considering nuclear power, and advanced reactor technologies, as they plan and revise their climate action plans periodically.

The R&D efforts moving forward under Generation IV continue to push the forefront of reactor technology. They are an example of your effective cooperation and our continuing interface helps the IAEA in its mission to communicate progress and promote the safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear technologies

During the course of the meeting we have received an overview of the main programmatic developments in the six reactor technology development areas of GIF, as well as the IAEA reports of the general NE and NS activities supporting the safe application and development of advanced reactor technologies.

The sessions related to safety, economics, proliferation resistance, and R&D infrastructure show the continued broader interest for cooperation between the IAEA and GIF. I'm certain that we will revisit all six reactor technology development areas in future again in detail and continue to find additional opportunities for cooperation.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the presenters from GIF and the IAEA, particularly, the scientific secretaries of this meeting, Frederik Reitsma and Maxim Gladyshev, for the excellent preparation and conduct of the meeting. Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your engagement and dedication to your work, which is an important part of the development of a safe and sustainable nuclear energy future, and for participating in this Interface Meeting.

I wish you safe travels home, and I am looking forward to meeting you again.

I declare this meeting closed.