



Non-proliferation

(Cluster II)

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The non-proliferation of nuclear weapons is the fundamental goal of the NPT regime. My delegation firmly believes that this goal can be achieved only through harmony with the other two pillars; nuclear disarmament and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

The Republic of Korea fully supports the nonproliferation commitments made in the 2010 Action Plan. First, my delegation underlines the importance of universal application of the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and the Additional Protocol, which provide credible assurances on the non-diversion of declared materials and the absence of undeclared materials and activities, thereby promoting transparency and confidence among States. My delegation therefore urges those States Parties that have not yet done so to ratify these instruments.

Second, the Republic of Korea believes that the role of export control in preventing illicit trade of sensitive nuclear materials, equipment, and technology needs to be further utilized and enhanced. Robust export control arrangements will effectively complement the NPT and the current non-proliferation regime.

Third, collective efforts by the international community are needed to prevent nuclear terrorism, which has emerged as one of the most challenging threats to global security in the 21st century. The best way to prevent nuclear terrorism is to put in place robust nuclear security system worldwide to deny terrorists from gaining access to nuclear weapons, materials and facilities.



We support all relevant global efforts to strengthen nuclear security, including UN Security Council Resolution 1540, Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT), Global Partnership, and Nuclear Security Summit process. The Seoul Nuclear Security Summit held in March 2012 put forward concrete commitments and action measures to advance nuclear security objectives, which include, inter alia, elimination of considerable amount of unneeded nuclear materials.

Fourth, to further strengthen the NPT regime, we need to address the pending issues of withdrawal and non-compliance. The withdrawal issue deserves high attention by all State Parties if we are to prevent further proliferation under the guise of the right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy, as the case of the DPRK's nuclear weapons program clearly illustrates. My delegation will address this issue later on in our discussions.

Mr. Chairman,

The 2010 Action Plan has provided us with a robust foundation for further strengthening the NPT regime. My delegation is of the view that through implementation of the Action Plan over the last three years, states parties have contributed to the strengthening the nuclear non-proliferation regime. However, we have to address on-going and newly emerging proliferation challenges around the world. My delegation believes that we should further strengthen our efforts to turn the Action Plan into concrete accomplishments by the 2015 Review Conference, and looks forward to substantive discussion in this regard at this meeting.

Thank you, Mr Chair. /End/