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## **OPENING SESSION**

### **DISCURSO**

Dear colleagues, dear friends, good afternoon.

As Chairman of the Spanish Nuclear Safety Council, CSN, it is a great pleasure for me and an honor for my organization to participate in the opening session of this very important international conference.

As you all know, the CSN had the pleasure of organizing the second International Regulators Conference on Nuclear Security in Madrid in 2016. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> conference, many final conclusions were obtained. Let me highlight a few of them:

- Strengthening the security models for the nuclear facilities, for nuclear materials transport and for

radioactive sources in order to provide the appropriate response to the current threats.

- Conceptual integration of safety and security: Improvement of Information protection and confidentiality.
- Regulating and implementing cybersecurity.
- Fostering nuclear security culture.

All these conclusions and the ones to be obtained from this conference and the upcoming ones, are necessary to address the different needs of the different countries, depending on their own situation with respect to the possible threats and nuclear infrastructure.

I am very glad to see that the organization of this conference is maintained over time, which means, that all the debates and conclusions arisen from that, have a real, tangible and positive impact, in which concerns to the improvement of nuclear security globally.

To give you all a practical example, In the case of Spain, the continuous improvement in this field had led in the last years to two main achievements:

- the development of a specific oversight program for nuclear security (SISC)
- the implementation of a new security model for nuclear power plants based on the activation of a Response Units of the Guardia Civil to be located permanently in each one of the nuclear plants, which is expected to cover all Spanish nuclear power plants in the short term.

Dear friends, we are all facing a real threat, and this, has to be addressed by implementing national regulations and following international recommendations and guidelines. That is the only way to create a robust system which will protect us against nuclear malicious acts, nationally, regionally and globally.

This conference will be once again an excellent opportunity to learn from each other and to strengthen

our networks and collaboration towards the common goal of achieving a sound nuclear security system designed to protect our citizens and critical infrastructures in the best possible and optimized way.

From today, until Friday, you will have the opportunity to discuss about different important topics such as: Security of radioactive material, Evaluation of threats, Information security, interfaces and many other important topics, and I really look forward to productive discussions that help us all to face the nuclear security challenges ahead.

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first edition and that has participated once again in the organization of this third edition.