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Mr. President,

Honorable Representatives of the Government of Japan,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Mr. President, on behalf of Cameroon delegation, let me congratulate you on your election as President of the Fukushima Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety.

I am confident that under your able leadership, our deliberations will be conducted smoothly and successfully and in this regard, you have the full support of my delegation.

I would like to express our gratitude to the Government of Japan for inviting my country, Cameroon, to this conference in Fukushima, the home region of Minister Gemba and the area where in 2011 a nuclear accident happened.

In organizing this conference here Japan is giving a concrete demonstration of the work accomplished towards the resuming of human activities in the Fukushima area.

Cameroon congratulates the Government and the Japanese experts for this achievement and once more, we express our deepest condolences and solidarity to the Government and people of Japan.

Mr. President,

Following the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear accident, the Board of Governors of the IAEA adopted in September 2011 an action plan proposed by the Director General to strengthen the global regime of nuclear safety.

Cameroon welcomes the elaborate report prepared and submitted to this conference by the Agency to inform the international community on the results of the implementation of this action plan.

In the light of the Fukushima accident, my country is seeking to develop and to strengthen its nuclear and radiological infrastructure. A draft law on nuclear safety, security and safeguards is in preparation to replace our law on radiation protection promulgated in 1995.

Cameroon is also engaged, through its National Radiation Protection Agency, to commence in 2013 the implementation of its Integrated Nuclear Security Support Program elaborated with the assistance of the Agency.

We look forward to implementing the outcomes of this Fukushima ministerial conference on nuclear safety, notably its commitment in maintaining and strengthening cooperation with the IAEA and other partners in the peaceful use of nuclear energy to support socioeconomic development.

Cameroon welcomes all other initiatives which aim at improving the global nuclear safety framework and requests the international community of experts to always take into consideration the likelihood of natural disasters in designing nuclear installations or reviewing their safety and security.

Thank you for your kind attention.