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The Fukushima Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety

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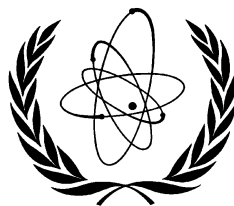
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Messieurs Co-Presidents, Excellences, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It has been two and a half extremely busy and productive days, which will shortly come to an end.

In the name of the International Atomic Energy Agency, I want to thank the Government of Japan for holding this Conference in co-sponsorship with us, and to thank you, Messieurs Co-Presidents, and through you the Governments of Japan and Malaysia, for steering the Conference to its constructive conclusion.

The Fukushima Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety has provided an excellent opportunity to share with the international community, at the ministerial and expert levels, knowledge and lessons learned from the accident at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, to further enhance transparency and to discuss the progress of international efforts in strengthening nuclear safety, including through the implementation of the IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety.

The Conference has provided a good occasion to reconfirm commitments to nuclear safety, and it has provided many of us with a chance to visit the accident site, and to grasp first hand an idea of the unbelievably complex and harsh conditions in which the workers of the nuclear power plant had to react to the accident, then, and a concrete view, today, of the complexity of the work performed and still to be performed.

I also want to thank the Fukushima Prefecture and its Governor, Mr Sato, as well as the City of Koriyama, for providing the facilities to host the Conference. I am grateful for the people of the City and the Prefecture, and more generally the people of Japan, for giving the delegates a flavour of this beautiful region and its hospitality.

I also thank the Chairs of the three Working Sessions, the keynote speakers, panellists and the scientific secretaries from both the IAEA and Japan, as well as all participants, for their valuable contributions.

I would like to conclude by thanking you once again for making this Fukushima Ministerial Conference a success and for your support for the work of the IAEA.

Thank you.