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STATEMENT

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Excellency, Mr. K. Gemba, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan and co-president of the Fukushima ministerial conference on Nuclear Safety,

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Excellency, Dr. ~~Maximus Johnity Ongkili~~,
Deputy Minister of Science Technology and Innovation of Malaysia and co-president of this conference,

Excellency, Mr. Yukiya Amano, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My presence among you today, distinguished participants in this high-level conference on Nuclear Safety, the second ministerial conference

on this topic since the accident at the Fukushima Daichi nuclear power plant, reflects the solidarity of my Country, the Sultanate of Oman, with the People of Japan, in these very difficult times when we are all so energy dependent.

Mr. President,

As we have witnessed in the past, nuclear accidents affect to different degrees all countries of our planet, and not just the countries where the accident happens.

It is because of this very fact that Oman, even though it may never have a nuclear power plant on its territories, or at least not in the foreseeable future, supports nuclear safety. For example, we are specifically considering joining the Nuclear Safety Convention and the Joint convention on the Safe Management of Spent Fuel and the Safe Management of Radioactive Waste.

We support the IAEA as it leads efforts internationally to strengthen the nuclear and radiation safety regime. The IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety is in this respect an important instrument which will help Member States plan and develop their future work in the area of nuclear safety.

Oman also supports the IAEA in helping Member States' build their national emergency preparedness and response capabilities. This assistance is very much needed by countries that are in the process of building their radiation and nuclear safety infrastructure.

Mr. President,

We believe that we have a humanitarian obligation to the current and future generations to address these matters cooperatively, for the common good.

My delegation and myself are committed to giving our full support to the deliberations of this conference, to assist in bringing it to a successful conclusion.

In closing I wish to thank Japan for hosting and organizing this important conference here in Fukushima.

Thank you,