

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Statement

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**In the Name of God**  
**The Most Companionate, the Most Merciful**

**Distinguished Ministers and Representatives,**

At the outset, I may congratulate the Government of Japan for hosting such an important conference as well as the IAEA for its invaluable support for its organization. I may be confident, that with the chance of wise co-chairmanship of Japan and Malaysia, this Conference shall render illuminating rewards, as to the progression and concrete effectuation of nuclear safety, for the human society.

I would also like to recall my sympathy with the Japanese people and government, on the poignant and devastating tsunami of March 11, 2011.

For sure, the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran is determined to fully engage in the work of this Conference as well as the follow up process of its outcome.

**Excellencies, Distinguished Colleagues**

Population growth and the ever culminating demand for health and nutrition, and the right of human beings to live with dignity, have triggered the ongoing move toward more appropriation of nuclear energy, and safer use of radioactive resources for peaceful purposes. The operation of more than 440 nuclear power plants in about thirty countries, to provide a noticeable portion of the electrical energy used within the last fifty years, is an undeniable fact. Henceforth, the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, following the decision of the Islamic Consultative Assembly (Majlis), is mandated to produce 20,000 Megawatts of nuclear electricity.

Although the only three accidents of Three-Mile Island in the United States of America, Chernobyl in the ex-Soviet Union, and Fukushima Daiichi in Japan, during the operation of nuclear power plants in the last half a century, are not considered many in comparison with the numerous natural disasters, imposed military conflicts and other incidents, yet, this may not

