STATEMENT
by the delegation of Ukraine at the Third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2020 NPT Review Conference

Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (cluster 3)

Mr. Chairman,

Ukraine welcomes the IAEA’s activities and supports its central role related to nuclear science, technology and nuclear power and non-power applications.

We note with appreciation the Agency’s efforts to increase States contribution to peace and development through a number of assistance and technical cooperation programs, as well as to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals. We highly value the Agency’s contribution to promoting the international cooperation in peaceful uses, as it is stated in the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

We are also pleased to note that the end of last year marked with record global generating capacity of 400 GW(e). Ukraine was among 30 States with operating nuclear power plants to have a hand in achieving this rate.

Against this backdrop, it is my pleasure to point out that the Nuclear Energy Complex of Ukraine demonstrates stable development over the past decade. Today it has already become a solid basis for the overall energy complex of my country. Moreover, the “Energy Strategy of Ukraine until 2035” foresees nuclear to have a 50% share in our electricity production by 2035.

Mr. Chairman,

We recognize that the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) represents the fundamental mechanism through which the Agency helps States to build, strengthen and maintain capacities in the safe, peaceful and secure use of nuclear technology in support of sustainable socioeconomic development.

We note with appreciation that the IAEA TCP activities keep pace with the overarching importance of applying the nuclear techniques in human health as a key focus area achieving the sustainable development goals.

Ukraine supports the IAEA’s efforts to respond to the growing global cancer crisis by developing the Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy (PACT).

We particularly welcome the Agency sustainable activities to continue, within the framework of the TC programme, to work actively to render assistance and radiological support to Ukraine in mitigating the consequences of the Chornobyl disaster and rehabilitating the contaminated territories.
As the minimization of consequences of the Chornobyl accident constitutes a priority for the Government of Ukraine, my country stands ready to actively cooperate with the Agency on Chornobyl related issues for the future 2020-2021 TCP cycle by further implementing, inter alia, a national projects aimed at supporting Chornobyl NPP Units Decommissioning and Radioactive Waste Management at the NPP site and within the Exclusion Zone.

The delegation of Ukraine wishes to underline that we are ready to share with all States our national experience of successful post-accident activities at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant aimed at converting the destroyed Unit 4 into an environmentally safe system, enabling safe demolition of unstable structures through the use of remote and state-of-art operated equipment.

Mr. Chairman,

Nuclear power will remain an important option to achieve energy security and sustainable development goals in the 21st century. Ukraine supports countries’ decisions to develop or further expand civil nuclear power programs. In our view the main prerequisite for the peaceful use of the nuclear energy is the state’s commitment to non-proliferation regime and to the highest standards of nuclear safety and security.

As the responsibility for nuclear security rests with individual state, Ukraine wishes to underline that all nuclear facilities of Ukraine are operating in a regular mode. For the past three years additional effective measures were undertaken by the competent authorities of Ukraine to ensure their nuclear security, including reinforced physical protection of 15 power units in operation at 4 sites of Ukrainian NPPs.

At present, we can confirm the high level of nuclear safety and nuclear security at the Ukrainian NPPs, where nuclear materials are stored and used.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman