

OPENING REMARKS FOR GUEST OF HONOUR IN CONJUNCTION WITH FINALISATION MEETING INTEGRATED NUCLEAR SECURITY SUPPORT PLAN (INSSP) FOR BRUNEI DARUSSALAM 19 JUNE 2023

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Distinguished participants representing:

- i. Security, Enforcement and Law at the Prime Minister's Office,
- ii. Internal Security Department under the Prime Minister's Office,
- iii. Attorney General's Chamber under the Prime Minister's Office,
- iv. Royal Brunei Police Force,
- v. Royal Customs and Excise Department under the Ministry of Finance and Economy,
- vi. Department of International Organisations under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- vii. Department of Civil Aviation under the Ministry of Transport and Info-communications, and last but not least the,
- viii. Safety, Health, and Environment National Authority (SHENA).

IAEA international experts on nuclear security,

- i. Mr. Andrew Prosser from the International Atomic Energy Agency.
- ii. Mr. Chaiyod Soontrapa from the Office of Atoms for Peace, Thailand.
- Mr. Garrick Redden from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratories, United States of America, and
- iv. Ms. Naoko Inoue from Japan Atomic Energy Agency.
- v. Mr. Nurman Rahmadi from Indonesian Nuclear Energy Regulatory Agency (BAPETEN).

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum wrt and good morning. It is my pleasure to warmly welcome all distinguished participants from various government agencies and esteemed international experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) who have travelled all the way to Brunei



Darussalam to gather today at the 5-day finalization meeting of the integrated nuclear security sustainability plan or better known as the INSSP.

I can see a few familiar faces amongst our participants today whom I have met during the preparatory mission last year in September. Thanks to the IAEA, with the guidance provided, we have made significant strides in our collective efforts to strengthen nuclear security measures within our borders. The collaborative spirit, unwavering commitment, and knowledge shared by each participant have been worth the while.

Today, we congregate once again to visit the draft INSSP with the information that we have populated and if successful, we will find ourselves on the verge of a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to strengthen the nuclear security framework for Brunei Darussalam. I am assured that the INSSP will serve as a comprehensive roadmap for us, outlining strategic measures that can strengthen our national capabilities in ensuring the safe and secure use of radioactive materials, and safeguard our society from potential threats.

It goes without doubt that the presence of the IAEA experts here with us is a testament to the unwavering support and guidance that the IAEA provides to its Member States. Their invaluable expertise stemmed from knowledge and experience gained from international best practices will undoubtedly contribute to the development of a robust INSSP that is tailored to our specific needs and at the same time, aligned with global standards.

On this note, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the national stakeholders present today who has been actively engaged in the formulation and refinement of the draft document since last year. Your dedication, tireless efforts, and invaluable insights have been pivotal in shaping the draft INSSP, setting the path towards a comprehensive and effective nuclear security regime for our country.

We all know why we are here today and in the next 4 days. During this mission, we will delve deeper into the draft INSSP, carefully examining its content, refining its provisions, and ensuring its coherence with our national priorities. I am confident that with the wisdom and expertise of the IAEA experts and our national stakeholders put together, the effort we are



going to put into the workshop and meeting will pave the way for a successful outcome, one that will reflect our shared commitment to safeguarding the people and preserving our environment.

Let us approach our deliberations with open minds, collaborative spirits, and a steadfast determination to achieve excellence. If we can forge a path that can uphold the highest standards of nuclear security, strengthen international cooperation, and lay the groundwork for a safer and more secure future, that is a good sign in itself to indicate that we are heading towards the desired goals.

Before I end my speech, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the organizing committee members who have been working hard and tirelessly around the clock in making the workshop and meeting a reality, all in a space of 2 weeks. May this mission be fruitful, productive, and reinforce our collective dedication to establish a robust nuclear security regime for Brunei Darussalam.

All the best!

Wabilahitaufikwalhidayah wslm wrt.

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