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Acting Permanent Secretary (Security and Law) at the Prime Minister's Office,

Mr. Anthony Wetherall

Head of Nuclear and Treaty Law Section at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA),

SHENA Senior Management Team and Staff;

Esteemed Representatives from various Governmental agencies

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and Salam Sejahtera

First and foremost, on behalf of the Senior Management Team and the officers and staff of the Safety, Health and Environment National Authority, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the IAEA Legislative Assistance Mission National Workshop to Brunei Darussalam.

Please also join me in extending our warm Bruneian hospitality to the IAEA delegation who have journeyed far from Vienna, Austria to be here with us today for this event.

Mr Wetherall is accompanied by a delegation of distinguished experts from the IAEA:

- i. Ms. Chen Chen Liang, Associate Legal Officer; and
- ii. Mr. Hilaire Mansoux, Section Head of Regulatory Infrastructure and Transport Safety;

Esteemed ladies and gentlemen,



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Over the past several years, SHENA has organized a number of impactful events, leveraging the technical expertise of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to deepen and fortify our knowledge of nuclear security and its safeguards. Our most recent milestone was in July 2023, with the Finalisation Meeting of Brunei Darussalam's Integrated Nuclear Security Sustainability Plan or INSSP, which marked SHENA's fourth event in cooperation with the IAEA but our first occasion with the IAEA Office of Legal Affairs.

We acknowledged the important significance of a legal and regulatory framework in governing the peaceful use of nuclear applications. While existing legislation may have already overseen activities of a hazardous nature that address aspects such as occupational safety, health, or environmental protection, the distinctive safety conditions and protective measures necessitated by the unique nature of nuclear activities introduce a multitude of complexities to conventional regulatory systems.

Therefore, esteemed ladies and gentlemen, for us to effectively manage this matter, it is particularly crucial to have legislation specifically governing nuclear activities for peaceful purposes as having in place such a framework ensures the responsible utilization for the collective benefit of society. The ongoing support and guidance of the IAEA Office of Legal Affairs will be invaluable to Brunei Darussalam in strengthening our own nuclear legal framework – which is an indispensable element of our commitment to the safe and secure use of nuclear applications within our nation.

During the course of this National Workshop, we aim to equip all with a richer and more profound understanding of the significance of comprehensive national nuclear law. Additionally, we hope to foster networks amongst key stakeholders in Brunei Darussalam, as they will play integral roles in supporting the implementation of SHENA's existing Radiation Protection Act, Chapter 228.

You will hear expert presentations by Mr Wetherall and the IAEA team as they will cover various aspects, which range from the elements of a comprehensive nuclear law to the benefits of legal instruments, from the international legal framework for nuclear safety, security, and safeguards to civil liability. Please do take this opportunity to actively participate in discussions and engage



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in multi-lateral, inter-agency collaboration with the IAEA and with SHENA as we aim to build and navigate this regulatory landscape together.

Esteemed ladies and gentlemen,

I extend my appreciation to all national stakeholders gathered here today whose unwavering support has been instrumental in advancing SHENA's mission to enhance safety in Brunei Darussalam since our establishment in 2018. Your invaluable and multi-faceted perspectives have played a pivotal role in previous IAEA missions to Brunei Darussalam, and I am assured that we can look forward to sharing your deeper insights as well over the next two days.

May our exchange be fruitful and lead to outcomes that will realize our collective aspiration of ensuring Brunei Darussalam is truly a safe place to work and live in.

I wish you all a productive, enriching and insightful workshop.

Wabillahi Taufik wal Hidayah Wassalamualaikum

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