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The delegation of the Republic of Belarus has considered with satisfaction the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency for the year 2005. The Government of Belarus positively estimates the activities of the IAEA during this period.

The work of the IAEA over the recent years has proved that the Agency has become a really leading international organization entrusted to ensure secure development and use of nuclear energy in civil activities as well as effective monitoring of the implementation of international obligations on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Member States of the Agency and its Secretariat have been doing a significant work in nuclear sphere. Thorough measures are being undertaken to secure a global regime of nuclear and radiation safety. A plan of actions against nuclear terrorism is being implemented. The measures to strengthen physical security of nuclear and radioactive materials are being taken. The consistent steps aimed at the universalization of the regime of nuclear non-proliferation and the increasing of the effectiveness of the system of IAEA safeguards are being made. The activities to accumulate the knowledge in the sphere of nuclear sciences and training of experts in this field are being implemented. Within the frameworks of the Technical Cooperation Programme Member States get multifaceted assistance in utilizing advanced nuclear technologies in medicine, power engineering, and other fields in order to promote socio-economic development.

Purposefulness and professionalism of the IAEA staff and its Director General Mohamed ElBaradei have received a due approval with the awarding to them of the 2005 Nobel Prize. This high recognition of the results of the work should give an additional impetus to the joint activities of the Secretariat and Member States within the framework of the mechanisms provided for in the IAEA Statute for the full implementation of the main motto of IAEA – Atoms for Peace.

Being a Member of the Board of Governors, the Republic of Belarus actively promotes the achievement of the objectives and fulfilling the tasks of IAEA.

We consider the IAEA mechanisms of technical cooperation as an important tool to introduce innovative ideas, technologies and experience in the nuclear sphere. The implementation of IAEA projects of technical cooperation in Belarus significantly supports national efforts in a number of spheres – from health protection to the prevention of illegal trafficking in nuclear materials.

In the context of IAEA efforts to accumulate the knowledge in nuclear sphere Belarus is particularly interested in IAEA training courses related to the radiation safety. Belarus actively participates in this process and has been hosting for several years annual regional training programmes on the radiation protection and security of the emanation sources with participation of experts from the CIS and the Eastern Europe countries.

Belarus is a staunch and consistent supporter of the strengthening and universalization of the international regime of nuclear non-proliferation. The Belarusian Side undeviatingly fulfils its obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the IAEA Agreement on the Safeguards. In November 2005 the Republic of Belarus and the IAEA signed the Additional Protocol to the Agreement on the Safeguards. This step reconfirmed our adherence to the principals of non-proliferation of the nuclear weapons.

In the sphere of development of nuclear technologies we pin our hopes on the project for innovative nuclear reactors and fuel cycles implemented under the aegis of IAEA. Belarus has expressed its interest in the participation in this project. Belarus is ready to contribute effectively to its implementation.

Madame President,

In the resolution 60/14 “Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster” the General Assembly took note with satisfaction of the assistance rendered by IAEA to Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine on remediation of agricultural and urban environments, cost-effective agricultural countermeasures and the monitoring of human exposure in areas affected by the Chernobyl disaster. This is a fair assessment of the IAEA efforts.

The successful completion of work of the Chernobyl Forum in which IAEA played an organisational and coordinating role was of great importance to Belarus. The significant work has been done to assess health, ecological, and socio-economic consequences of the Chernobyl disaster the twentieth anniversary of which was commemorated in April 2006. Numerous comprehensive recommendations for the stirring up of international cooperation in these spheres were elaborated by the Forum. We call on IAEA to make a remarkable constructive contribution to the implementation of the recommendations of the Forum. Belarus is ready to broaden interaction with IAEA aimed at more rapid overcoming of the Chernobyl legacy and returning of the regions suffered from the disaster to a normal life.