

REMARKS FROM OUTGOING CHAIR

44rd RCA NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

19 – 21 APRIL 2022

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates of the RCA Government Parties,

Honourable IAEA representatives,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning and good afternoon to you all. It is my most privileged to welcome you to the 44th National RCA Representative Meeting. I am glad and grateful that we could manage our time to participate in this important meeting despite the difficulties concerning the different time zones and the current pandemic situation which caused some complications to international travel.

Marking the 50th Anniversary of the RCA, this year's NRM Meeting is arranged in hybrid format allowing both virtual and physical participation to kick-off the celebration of the anniversary occasion. Thus, the 44th NRM deems significant as it is not only a forum to discuss policy and management related issues or to examine progress of RCA activities, but it is also a good opportunity to witness and celebrate the achievements of the RCA since the past 50 years until now.

As the outgoing Chair, I am honoured to be a part of the RCA family and thankful for the opportunity to learn more about the undertaking of the RCA. During the time as Chair, I have been working closely with the NR of Vietnam, Dr. Tran Chi Thanh and his teams. I have observed their dedication and strong commitment during the preparation of the Ministerial Conference as well as his leadership as Chair of the RCA Scholarship Committee. Thus, stepping into the 50th year, I would like to recommend NR of Vietnam as the new RCA Chair and looking forward to receiving your kind endorsement on this matter.

Thank you very much.