

45th RCA NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

9 – 12 MAY 2023

REMARKS OF THE OUTGOING RCA CHAIR

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates of the RCA Government Parties,

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

It has been a great honour for Viet Nam to assume the chairmanship of the RCA in a critical and significant period when we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Agreement. It can be said that the year 2022 was a tremendous milestone of the RCA when it launched the RCA Declaration in Vienna, Austria at the RCA Ministerial Meeting for the 1st time to reaffirm a stronger commitment to promoting the peaceful application of nuclear science and technology in the region.

On behalf of the Government of Viet Nam, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Agency and all Government Parties for your strong thrust and support extended to Viet Nam during the RCA Chair term of 2022-2023. Indeed, for me, personally, it has been a most eventful period throughout, at times challenging but on the whole a most rewarding experience as the RCA Chair. Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the RCARO for your great assistance to me in fulfilling duties of the RCA Chair for the implementation of RCA policy meetings and the coordination of RCA activities.

At this 45th RCA National Representative Meeting, I would like to convey my heartfelt congratulations to the Government of Australia on taking over the

Chairmanship of the RCA and to Ms Natascha Spark , NR of Australia with the role of new RCA Chair for the term of 2023 - 2024. I strongly believe that that under the Chairmanship of Australia, all government parties will co-worked closely to achieve our goals of advancing the peaceful application of nuclear science and technology for sustainable development with more efficiency and impact of the RCA in the region.

Once again, I wish to thank all of you for full coordination and support during our chairmanship of the RCA. I look forward to many more prestigious achievements of the RCA in the years to come.

Wish you all a productive meeting and a pleasant stay in Sydney.

Thank you.