

Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- I express my appreciation to the Kingdom of Netherlands for hosting this Summit.
- **First**, Lithuania strongly supports the ambitious objective of the Summit – to increase global nuclear security. We have to foster nuclear security culture – by demonstrating transparency and openness.
- At this Summit, Lithuania joins a far reaching Initiative on “Strengthening Nuclear Security Implementation”. We aim at creating more cohesion in nuclear security and demonstrate communitarian approach in our efforts.
- **Second**, there should be no compromise on nuclear safety. Our task is to promote the synergy between security and safety in all nuclear installations – existing and planned ones.
- Moreover, transparency is inseparable from nuclear security and safety. Transparency, respect to partners’ legitimate concerns and open sharing of information are prerequisites for to build mutual trust.
- We support a wider use of IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) system to ensure transparency among states. Let me announce that in 2016 Lithuania invites IAEA International Physical Protection Advisory Service (IPPAS) Mission.
- We also expect our neighbours to show the same good will, openness and commitment to all international conventions. Consultations, constructive settling of disputes and information sharing must be a norm. Now we cannot calmly watch how unsafe nuclear facilities are being built in the closest proximity to the EU borders. It is a threat to all of us, which we must prevent.
- **Third**, in Seoul Lithuania announced its support for the initiatives on “Activity and Cooperation to Counter Nuclear Smuggling” and on “Nuclear Security Training and Support Centres”.
- In April 2012, Nuclear Security Centre of Excellence was established in Lithuania. Its mission is training to counter nuclear smuggling and build capacities. In nearly two years, round 400 experts have been trained.
- One of key tasks of the Centre – to broaden regional activities and provide assistance to other countries. In 2013, Georgian experts were invited. In 2014, the Centre will host Ukrainian, Armenian and Moldovan delegations for nuclear security trainings. We also work closely with Nordic-Baltic countries to build stronger regional cooperation in nuclear security.
- By concluding, I wish all Participating States to fully implement the commitments – it makes a difference.