

# Norway

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Statement under the agenda item on Nuclear and radiation safety: Nuclear Safety Review 2023

Mr. Chair,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement given by Sweden on behalf of the EU and would like to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

We thank the Secretariat for preparing the draft Nuclear Safety review for 2023.

Norway strongly supports the Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS) and the Joint Convention. We welcome the growing number of contracting parties to these conventions. Transparency is essential for improving global nuclear safety, and the review processes are pivotal in this regard. We look forward to the upcoming joint 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Review Meeting of the CNS as an important event in assessing the status of nuclear safety internationally. We encourage Contracting Parties to continue all efforts to meet the objectives of the Conventions.

Norway commends the Agency for identifying relevant trends in nuclear safety, including for the safe transport of radioactive material. We note some Member States' increased interest in the construction and deployment of SMRs, and in particular transportable nuclear power plants (TNPPs), and the interest from Member States in addressing emergency preparedness and response arrangements in this regard.

Norway remains focused on ensuring that such transports and deployments occur within regulatory frameworks that ensure the highest level of safety and security. We encourage the IAEA to continue its work in assessing the safety and security aspects of SMRs in general, and TNPPs in particular, throughout their life cycle. We also value the Agency's efforts on the safety–security–safeguards approach, and especially regarding considerations associated with the design for SMRs and other new facilities.

We welcome the Secretariat's efforts to provide technical support and assistance to Ukraine on nuclear safety and security. In particular, the situation at Ukraine's Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant is of grave concern. We urge the Russian Federation to immediately withdraw its forces from within Ukraine's internationally recognised borders and cease all threats and military actions, including in the vicinity of, and directed at, nuclear facilities.

Thank you.