

Statement by the Secretary of ABACC Odilon Marcuzzo do Canto at
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Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen.

In the first place, on behalf of ABACC, I would like to add to the delegations that preceded me and express our solidarity with the Japanese people for the serious consequences of the natural disasters of last March, to the population, to the environment and to the immense human and material losses. We are convinced of the importance of this conference to strengthen the existing safety mechanisms. For this reason, we congratulate the Director General of the IAEA, Yukiya Amano and the Ambassador Antonio Guerreiro, for their efforts in the performance and the good results of this Ministerial Conference.

Mr. President,

With its 20 years of existence, in 2011, ABACC has succeeded in its mission to guarantee the peaceful use of nuclear energy in Argentina and Brazil and has consolidated, in the last two decades, the bilateral and international trust through the Common System of Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials. Therefore, Mr. President, I am convinced that, alongside disarmament and non-proliferation measures, the nuclear technological safety is one of the pillars to guarantee and spread the peaceful uses of nuclear energy on a world level. For this reason, ABACC supports the efforts developed in this Conference, with a view to support technological safety.

Mr. President,

We hope that the Action plan reflects, in the best possible manner, the results of this Conference.

Thank you.