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India reaffirms its commitment to nuclear security

Chairman Atomic Energy Commission of India and Secretary, Department of Energy, Dr. Ratan Kumar Sinha called on Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Mr. Yukiya Amano today on the margins of the 56th Session of the IAEA General Conference in Vienna.

Dr. Sinha and Mr. Amano signed the Arrangement between the IAEA and the Government of India regarding India’s extra-budgetary contribution to the Nuclear Security Fund.

It would be recalled that at the Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul on 27 March 2012, the Prime Minister had announced India’s contribution of USD 1 million to the IAEA’s Nuclear Security Fund. The Arrangement signed today seeks to strengthen the IAEA’s Nuclear Security Plan. India supports the central role of the IAEA in strengthening the international global nuclear security architecture.

Director General Amano expressed appreciation for India’s continuing support to and participation in IAEA plans and activities.

Other issues of mutual interest, including nuclear safety were also discussed during the meeting.

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Thanking you and with warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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