## JOINT STATEMENT OF

### THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### AND

#### THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UKRAINE

# CONCERNING EXTENSION OF THE OPERATIONAL SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS, RISK REDUCTION MEASURES AND NUCLEAR SAFETY REGULATION FOR CIVIL NUCLEAR FACILITIES IN UKRAINE AGREEMENT

The United States Department of Energy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine,

**RECOGNIZING** the Multilateral Nuclear Safety Initiative announced on May 23, 1992;

**INTENDING** to build upon the framework for cooperation set forth in the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ukraine Regarding Humanitarian and Technical Economic Cooperation, signed at Washington on May 7, 1992;

**SUPPORTING** the goals and objectives of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ukraine concerning Operational Safety Enhancements, Risk Reduction Measures and Nuclear Safety Regulation for Civilian Nuclear Facilities in Ukraine, signed at Kiev on October 25, 1993, as amended and extended (the "1993 Agreement");

**SEEKING** to continue cooperation in order to, *inter alia*, enhance the safety of civil nuclear facilities in Ukraine, to develop operational safety procedures and protocols, to improve diagnostic capabilities and to improve regulatory effectiveness by developing appropriate regulatory standards, requirements and procedures;

**REAFFIRM** their intention to renew the 1993 Agreement by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ukraine for five (5) years, via an agreement between the two Governments by an exchange of diplomatic notes.

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