

JOINT STATEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF
ITALY**

CONCERNING NUCLEAR SECURITY

Recalling the Joint Statement by the United States and Italy at the 2014 Nuclear Security Summit; Italy's National Progress Report at the 2016 Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, D.C.; and National Statements from both countries at the 2020 International Conference on Nuclear Security in Vienna; and

Recalling also the Memorandum of Understanding between the National Inspectorate for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection of Italy and the U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), signed at Rome July 20, 2022 and Washington August 20, 2022, and the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Department of Energy and the Società Gestione Impianti Nucleari s.p.a., signed at Washington March 22, 2023 and Rome April 5, 2023,

NNSA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy (MFA) reaffirm their joint intentions to minimize inventories of highly enriched uranium (HEU) and separated plutonium at multiple sites in Italy. To this end, both sides intend to strengthen bilateral cooperation to advance the following ongoing activities:

- Completion of the post-workshop analyses on the impacts of the TAPIRO research reactor's possible conversion to low-enriched uranium fuel;
- Development of a minimization strategy for the remaining limited quantities of HEU and plutonium, including the identification of inventories suitable for removal and repatriation to their country of origin; and
- Explore avenues for downblending and disposition of the inventories of HEU-thorium materials.

NNSA and MFA plan to jointly monitor and periodically assess progress on these objectives.