

**Closing Remarks by Mr. Yoshitake Masuhara,
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Honorable delegates and other participants in the ninth FNCA Ministerial Level Meeting, I sincerely say, “Thank you for your attending this meeting”. I also express sincere appreciation to Secretary Alabastro for her excellent leadership as the chairman of this meeting.

We had very good discussion in each session of the Ministerial Meeting today. Especially, in the round table discussions, we reached the principles for future actions with regard to “cooperation for the development on nuclear power infrastructure” and to “cooperation for the further promotion of radiation utilization”, which are clearly described in the adopted Resolution. I hope that both of the principles are further discussed in the Coordinator Meeting next year, following effective and efficient execution of the associated projects and appropriate execution of a Study Panel, which results in successful for each member country.

The next ministerial meeting is the 10th anniversary. I would like to say “It is a big milestone.”, I consider that the next meeting should be a memorial one, with looking back the accomplishments in the past and also with looking for new goals towards the next ten year. I would like to see you all in Japan, in November or December, 2009.

It is our custom to hold the annual Ministerial Level Meeting alternately in Japan and other member countries. The host of the 11th meeting will be discussed in the next item. I will be happy if any one of member countries volunteers.

Finally, I would like to wish good health and prosperity for all of you, before ending my closing remarks. Thank you for your attention.

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