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**STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE  
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-  
ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), DURING THE SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC  
ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) ON “IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE-LEVEL  
SAFEGUARDS APPROACHES FOR STATES UNDER INTEGRATED  
SAFEGUARDS – EXPERIENCE GAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED”**

*Vienna, 10-14 September 2018*

**Mr. Chairman,**

1. On behalf of the Vienna Chapter of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), I would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing the *Implementation of State-level Safeguards Approaches for States under Integrated Safeguards - Experience Gained and Lessons Learned*, contained in Document GOV/2018/20, and for the Informal Technical Briefing on Wednesday, 29 August 2018. NAM would like to reiterate its position on this matter.
2. NAM supports, in principle, the IAEA safeguards implementation and other verification activities in an effective, efficient, and comprehensive manner in accordance with legal obligations under the safeguards agreements in force and emphasizes that the development and implementation of State Level Concept should not alter, modify, add or subtract rights and obligations on part of the Member States or the Agency. In this regard NAM takes note with appreciation the important assurances contained in the supplementary document to the Report on the Conceptualization and Development of Safeguards Implementation at the State Level (GOV/2014/41), and its Corrigenda, as well as in the statements by the Director General and the Secretariat as noted by the Board of Governors in its September 2014 session including inter alia:
  - a. the State-level concept (SLC) does not, and will not, entail the introduction of any additional rights or obligations on the part of either States or the Agency, nor does it involve any modification in the interpretation of existing rights and obligations;
  - b. the SLC is applicable to all States, but strictly within the scope of each individual State's safeguards agreement(s);
  - c. the SLC is not a substitute for the Additional Protocol and is not designed as a means for the Agency to obtain from a State without an Additional Protocol the information and access provided for in the Additional Protocol;



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- d. the development and implementation of State-level approaches requires close consultation with the State and/or regional authority, particularly in the implementation of in-field safeguards measures;
  - e. safeguards-relevant information is only used for the purpose of safeguards implementation pursuant to the safeguards agreement in force with a particular State - and not beyond it.
3. NAM, furthermore, encourages the Secretariat to continue to engage in open and active dialogue with Member States on safeguards matters including SLC, to issue periodic update reports on these matters, and to keep the Board of Governors informed of progress made in the development and implementation of safeguards in the context of the SLC.
  4. NAM also notes that the development and implementation of State-level approaches requires close consultation and coordination with the State and/or regional authority, and agreement by the State concerned on practical arrangements for effective implementation of all safeguards measures identified for use in the field if not already in place.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.