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Forum for Nuclear Cooperation in Asia (FNCA)  
Joint Communiqués  
On the New Direction of the FNCA

We, the Heads of delegation of countries participating in the FNCA - Australia, People's Republic of Bangladesh, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, The Republic of the Philippines, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,

Recalling that the FNCA's objective is to promote social and economic development through active regional partnership for the peaceful and safe utilisation of nuclear technology,

Recalling that the FNCA adopted the resolution at the 15<sup>th</sup> Ministerial-Level Meeting (MLM), encouraging FNCA Ministerial Level leadership and the Coordinators' active contribution for designing the future direction and program of the FNCA,

Recalling that the FNCA recognised at the 16<sup>th</sup> Coordinators Meeting that the time has come for the FNCA to start discussions on a new direction,

Focusing on the fact that the use of nuclear power is still expected to grow in the world, especially in Asia, in the upcoming several decades due to rapid economic growth and increasing concern about climate change,

Recognising the fact that nuclear science and technology has been making contributions sustainable development in a wide range of areas such as medical care, food and agriculture as well as water management,

Appreciating the role of the IAEA/RCA as an effective tool for the promotion and coordination of research and development activities to respond to the needs for national development through utilizing regional experiences, expertise and resources in nuclear applications,

Welcoming the appeal by the OECD/NEA Director General for possible new collaboration between the NEA and the FNCA made

at this MLM, aiming at the enhancement of the collaboration of OECD/NEA with Asian countries,

Decided to work toward:

1. Action Item 1. Themes and activities to be promoted

- Launching a new research project on climate change utilizing nuclear science and technology in 2017.
- Further advancing FNCA's nuclear infrastructure projects/themes related to human resources development and nuclear safety, taking into account the role of nuclear energy in mitigating climate change.
- Further advancing FNCA's nuclear application projects, such as mutation breeding project which could contribute as an adaptive response to climate change, for sustainable development.
- Further advancing the radiation oncology project which can bring common benefits in the region.
- Enhancing the activities related to building trust toward nuclear technology through stakeholder engagement and improved communication with public, and enhancing national regimes for the compensation of nuclear damage, including consideration of adherence to the international conventions.

2. Action Item 2. Promoting cooperation with international organizations such as IAEA and OECD/NEA, for enhancing FNCA's key role and for mutually benefitting from the strength of both those parties.

3. Action Item 3. Improvement of the management of FNCA activities, considering urgent necessity of enhancing effectiveness and efficiency of the FNCA work in order to meet the needs of member countries.

4. Action Item 4. Diversification of financial resources and further encouragement of the utilization of the results of the projects/themes.