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Dear delegates,

As the President of the European Nuclear Society (ENS) I salute the participants of the event: "Nuclear Disarmament: Opportunities for Peace and Work for Europe and the World".

ENS is a Learned Society that brings nuclear societies, i.a. Associazione Italiana Nucleare (AIN) and professionals in Europe together, allowing them to exchange knowledge and experience about nuclear science and technology. ENS promotes the development of nuclear science and technology and the understanding of **peaceful nuclear applications**. Founded in 1975, ENS is the largest society for nuclear science, research and industry in Europe.

ENS connects its members with the principle aim of fostering and coordinating their activities on an international level. In relation to this, the society encourages the networking of scientists and engineers between different countries and organises meetings, like this one, devoted to scientific and technical matters and to the communication on nuclear applications.

The current political context as well the situation with Iran or Pakistan opens many debates on nuclear fuel, disarmament, and pursue to non-proliferation of these countries. The issues are vivid in political but also societal debates evoking mistrust towards nuclear energy as such. A positive communication about nuclear contributing to the UN sustainable development goals is at heart of ENS and its Young Generation Network within the Nuclear for Climate movement.

As non-political, scientific organisation with expertise on non-proliferation subjects we follow closely the IAEA missions of safeguards to all countries, where the non-proliferation must be ensured.

ENS fully supports all its members in scientific discussions on nuclear technology and we are looking forward to collaborating with Associazione Italiana Nucleare in close future.

Yours sincerely,

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