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Distinguished guests, colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen:

Good morning!

With the great efforts from colleagues of RCARO, the Workshop is kicked off. As the RCA Chair, I am very pleased to be invited to the workshop and it's my great honor and privilege to say a few words on behalf of RCA. First of all, please allow me to extend my sincere congratulations on the opening to the workshop.

I was told that about 30 participants are presenting in the meeting, which consist of the members of RCARO Standing Advisory Committee of RCARO, national RCA representatives, officials and experts from RCA member states as well as RCARO staffs. The number and diversity of the participants indicate that this meeting has drawn interests from various stakeholders. Given that this workshop is an important activity of RCA this year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my warm

welcome to you all, distinguished guests and participants.

Since its establishment in 2002, RCARO has become an important body of RCA and played essential role in term of increasing RCA's visibility and viability. RCARO had made valuable contribution to RCA activities, including increasing the RCA's awareness, successful implementation of RCA/UNDP project, promoting partnership of RCA, preservation of nuclear knowledge, increased interaction between member states and RCARO etc., which is of vital importance to improve the impact of RCA not only in the framework of IAEA but also in other regional and international surroundings or platforms. At his end, I would like, on behalf of RCA, to express my gratitude to colleagues of RCARO for the endeavors made in the past years in particular for what you have done and what you will do this year when I act as the RCA Chair.

From the name of the workshop, people can easily understand the purpose or objectives of the meeting, which is to enhance the strategic goals of RCARO. I believe that this workshop will provide a very nice opportunity and platform for participants to have a brainstorm on how to improve the role of RCARO and hence to strengthen the regional collaboration under the

framework of RCA and to upgrade the impact of RCA in the international stage; I am also convinced that the workshop will be a slot for participants to foster friendship. In this regards, I strongly suggest and encourage that all the participants are at liberty during the meeting to say what you like and make contribution to the success of the meeting.

Last but not least, I would like to end my talk by thanking colleagues from RCARO for your tremendous work in organizing this workshop. Thanks should also go to relevant authorities in Korea in particular the Korean Ministry of Education, Science and Technology for your great supports in finance and coordination. I should certainly thank the supports from all the distinguished guests and participants for your active participation and valuable contribution which will be delivered during the meeting.

Finally, I wish the workshop a great success.

Thank you for your attention.