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JOINT PRESS RELEASE ON COOPERATION REGARDING THE ACCIDENT AT TEPCO'S FUKUSHIMA DAI-ICHI NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

GREGORY JACZKO, CHAIRMAN, U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION GOSHI HOSONO, SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN

We had very productive talks about our joint interest in nuclear safety, and the support being provided to Japan by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in dealing with the ongoing situation at Tokyo Electric Power Company's (TEPCO) Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant. Mr. Hosono expressed his sincere gratitude for the assistance the NRC provided following the accident. Chairman Jaczko extended sympathy to the people of Japan in dealing with the difficult circumstances. The NRC and the Japanese authorities have a long record of extensive cooperation in nuclear safety.

Chairman Jaczko briefed Mr. Hosono on NRC's ongoing review of U.S. nuclear plants, and Mr. Hosono discussed the Government of Japan's (GoJ) continuing efforts to deal with the challenges posed by the damaged Fukushima reactors and the report the GoJ recently submitted to the IAEA.

We look forward to further discussions and cooperation as this situation progresses and additional dialogue between the two Governments at the IAEA, and emphasize the importance of learning the lessons from TEPCO's Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant accident to further the common cause of nuclear safety.

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