

**Opening remarks by the Executive Secretary
of the Preparatory Commission for the
Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization**

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Host Country Training

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Your Excellency Minister Mohammad Hamed,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

- I am pleased to join you this afternoon for the Host Country Training for the Integrated Field Exercise 2014 (IFE14). I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Government of Jordan for its commitment and outstanding contribution to the development of the On-Site Inspection (OSI) regime. Jordan has once again demonstrated to the world its unwavering support to the CTBT and the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime.
- The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization and Jordan have a history of successful cooperation. Cooperation on the development of the OSI regime is of particular importance. The CTBTO has trained 7 experts on the OSI regime at different training activities, in addition to numerous experts involved in preparations of IFE14. Jordan hosted the OSI Directed Exercise (DE10) in November 2010, which was devoted to ground-based visual observation and communications during an OSI. This exercise paved the way for Jordan's selection as the IFE 14 Host Country in a competitive process with Hungary and Ukraine as contenders.
- Looking at what has been done since then, I can say with confidence that the selection of Jordan was the right decision. With the Natural Resource Authority as the lead agency in charge of IFE14 preparations and National Steering Committee exercising inter-agency coordination, the preparations for the IFE14 have enjoyed excellent coordination at the national level.
- The Host Country Training is one of the key steps in preparations for the IFE14. This Training will facilitate support the IFE14 by the Jordanian authorities. National Authority personnel shall be able to effectively participate in IFE14 as members of the Inspected State Party (ISP). Jordanian experts shall assist in organizing and provide support to IFE14, which is the biggest exercise organized to date, involving more than hundred participants, visitors and observers.

- A total of 53 participants take part in the Host Country Training this week. The CTBTO is ready to assist Jordan's political and scientific experts in familiarizing themselves with the roles and responsibilities of the Inspected Party, to achieve the highest standard of preparation and realistic scenarios.
- The important role of Jordan in this event clearly demonstrates the essential contribution that member States can make to the development of the verification regime. When the CTBT enters into force, the OSI will be the final verification measure, and it is therefore of great significance that we perfect this process through exercises and training.
- Continuing to prove effective and efficient detection capabilities of the verification system is of core importance in order to gain political support. The Integrated Field Exercise 2014 is an integral part of the buildup of a trustworthy verification regime. By assessing the readiness of the OSI component and testing methods and procedures practically, IFE14 strengthens confidence around the entire verification regime and assures that the OSI capability will be available following the Treaty's entry into force.
- Our operational experience with the system increases over time. We are looking forward to practically testing the progress made with respect to building-up the OSI regime. Starting in less than a year from now, the 2014 Integrated Field Exercise will provide the opportunity to practice newly acquired skills, test our capacity and refine our competencies. Based on the wealth of lessons learned during the 2008 Integrated Field Exercise in Kazakhstan, IFE14 will bring us further to the full implementation of the OSI regime, with enhanced awareness and preparedness.
- IFE14 will test crucial aspects of the launch, pre-inspection, inspection and post-inspection phase in an integrated manner over 5 weeks. Realistic scenarios and time constraints will challenge the capacity, planning and coordination of the inspection team and of the Organization as a whole. Our capacity to act quickly and effectively will be put to test.
- IFE14 will be the biggest exercise ever in the history of the CTBTO. It will involve some 300 participants. The human resources element is central for a successful outcome of IFE14. After years of focused training to develop their technical as well as their management and leadership skills, the inspection team will test the equipment and techniques as in a real On-Site Inspection.
- I would like to wish you a successful training. It is important to iron out all the details and clarify any outstanding questions before the start of the IFE14. During the IFE14 you will become the face of the CTBTO. Your work, expertise and commitment will demonstrate that the Treaty is verifiable, thus facilitating the decision to join the CTBT by those countries who are yet to do so, particularly the remaining Annex 2 countries.
- Thank you for your attention.