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**Closing Remarks by Rose E. Gottemoeller**  
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Good Morning.

Thank you again, Ambassador Nederlof, for the Netherlands' support and your tremendous Chairmanship of this wonderful 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting provided an important opportunity for partner nations to reaffirm their continued support for the GICNT and to make voluntary commitments that will help the Initiative advance priorities identified in each of the meeting's sessions.

I'd like to take a moment to highlight some of these commitments. I welcome Argentina and Chile's agreement to host another bilateral exercise to further improve coordination of their joint response to terrorist activities and attempts to smuggle nuclear materials across borders. Romania has announced plans to host a tabletop exercise called OLYMPUS in October 2016 with its regional partners to highlight best practices in law enforcement coordination with technical agencies. And the Slovak Republic has committed, with support from Canada, to host a workshop on legal frameworks in January 2017. These activities will strengthen the role of the Initiative and lend it forward momentum.

I also welcome commitments from Italy to host a Nuclear Forensics Working Group meeting in October 2016 and India to host an Implementation and Assessment Group meeting in early 2017. These activities will help the efforts of the Global Initiative's Working Groups to develop practical tools for capacity

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building. In addition, the United Kingdom's proposal to promote best practices in developing and implementing national exercise programs will further draw the right experts into the GICNT community.

Finally, I want to underscore our appreciation for Japan's leadership and commitment to host the next GICNT Plenary Meeting on June 1-2, 2017, in Tokyo. I encourage all partner nations to participate in the exercises, planning meetings, and technical exchanges that will build on the outcomes of this 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting and contribute to a successful Plenary in Tokyo.

Thank you once again to our Dutch hosts for their excellent hospitality and flawless organization of this meeting. Thank you to Russia and Mr. Ulyanov for our successful Co-Chairmanship of the GICNT over its existence. Thank you all for your active participation and contributions this week, and I look forward to hearing about the follow-up.