



**Message from Yury Fedotov, Director-General of the
United Nations (Vienna)
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Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to speak on behalf of the Director-General of the United Nations in Vienna, at this landmark occasion.

UNSCEAR is an important member of the UN Vienna family, and a centre of excellence for security and the well-being of humankind.

Known as the world's leading authority on the levels and effect of exposure to ionizing radiation, your Committee has published important reports on topics including the effect of radiation exposure at low doses, levels of medical, public and occupational exposure and the impact of exposure from the accidents at Chernobyl and Fukushima.

My thanks go to the Mayor of Vienna for hosting this event, and to the city of Vienna for its tremendous support to the UN in Vienna.

Break for Video Message from United Nations Secretary-General

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Five years after Fukushima, and 30 years after Chernobyl, there is still much to be learned about the effects of radiation.

In today's world, with new and more complex science emerging on a number of issues, such as the working of the human genome and other biological systems, it is even more important for UNSCEAR to maintain constant scrutiny, and continue to provide impartial scientific information.

I encourage UNSCEAR to continue its work in reaching out to the general public, especially in Japan, to ensure that its findings are understood and used to create a better understanding of the levels and effects of exposure to ionizing radiation.

UNSCEAR has worked diligently to fulfil the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly, and it has done so—in the words of the UN Secretary-General—“efficiently and effectively”. I congratulate UNSCEAR on 60 years of contributions to global well-being. Thank you.