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Sir,

The crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Japan, following the devastating earthquake and tsunami on March 11, is not yet overcome.

It will take time before the situation is entirely stabilized. From the beginning, the IAEA has been actively assisting Japan and sharing information with its Member States.

After the accident, I convened a Special Meeting of the Board of Governors of the IAEA, at which I underscored the need for robust follow-up action once the situation has been stabilised. I have been encouraged by the expressions of support I have received from all Member States of the IAEA.

In order to provide the political support this process will undoubtedly require, I have convened the IAEA Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety to be held in Vienna from June 20 to 24, 2011.

This Conference will provide an opportunity to make an initial assessment of the Fukushima accident, consider lessons that need to be learned, help launch a process to strengthen global nuclear safety and consider ways to further strengthen the response to nuclear accidents and emergencies.

As the Head of an International Organization participating in the Joint Radiation Emergency Management Plan, I have the honour to invite you to participate in this high-level Conference.

A detailed agenda for the Conference will be circulated in due course after consultations with your representatives in Vienna.

The IAEA Ministerial Meeting on Nuclear Safety is a key event, your personal attendance, and your country's substantive contributions to the process, will be extremely important. I hope you will join me in Vienna for this important occasion.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Director General