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## **WELCOMING WORDS TO VERTIC'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION**

Andreas Persbo, Executive Director  
Vienna, Austria, 22 September 2011

Dear friends and colleagues,

Thank you for coming this evening to mark our organization's 25th anniversary. I recognize many dear friends here tonight. People who has contributed to our publications, informed and advised on our work. Steadfast friends who have offered support in both good and hard times. You all know who you are, none mentioned, and none forgotten.

I also see many new faces. Future friends. Future colleagues. Welcome all.

The IAEA is very dear to us. Its work embodies all values VERTIC's founders wanted to promote. A fair, equitable, world. A richer world. A safer world for all of us.

And so, we are honored to have one of the IAEA's guiding lights with us here tonight. A person that many of us know well, and all of us respect. Ms. Jill Cooley of the IAEA Department of Safeguards.

Welcome my friend, and thank you for coming. The gathering is yours to address.