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Letter from the *International Journal of Nuclear Security* Editors

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We are thrilled to publish our second issue specifically for women in nuclear security. After publishing our first in 2022, which was likely the first in the world for nuclear security, we knew that we wanted to publish another to promote the topic of gender diversity in nuclear security. The opportunity to publish this issue with the Nuclear Security Women (NSW) with the support of the National Nuclear Security Administration was a wonderful opportunity for IJNS, and we are grateful that they agreed enthusiastically.

IJNS is honored to publish the work of so many professionals fighting for gender equality in international nuclear security and the field within their local environments. The work presented in this special issue is impressive, important, and integral to changing the culture of women as a minority in nuclear security.

IJNS has long stood for diversity in thought, nationality, and culture. IJNS has aimed to publish the work of nuclear security professionals without barriers to access—including the language and financial barriers to publish and read peer-reviewed, indexed, academic articles. Within this mission, IJNS has published the work of professionals on 6 continents from various backgrounds, cultures, and careers.

As part of our dedication to diversity, IJNS has committed to a gender-diverse board of editors, reviewers, and authors in addition to international diversity. Over the past year, we have selected new board members and increased the number of women on the board. We hope to continue increasing the diversity of IJNS's editorial board, staff, and reviewers.

Additionally, IJNS prides itself on providing opportunities for new technical communicators to get professional experience by editing all IJNS articles before publication. The editorial team is gender-diverse, as was the team of volunteer technical editors who worked on this particular special issue. We thank them all for their vital assistance with producing this special issue.

We hope that the international nuclear security community finds value, knowledge, and support with the publishing of this special issue. Again, thank you to NSW for partnering with us to create this issue, and thank you to all of the authors for their hard work preparing these articles.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'R' followed by a 'B' and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rachel Brooks

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style, reading 'Ashley Humphrey'.

Ashley Humphrey, CNSP