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Your Excellency Madame President,
Your Excellency Acting Director General
Your Excellency Secretary
Your Excellency, Honorable Distinguished Delegation of the Member States
Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I would like to congratulate Her Excellency Madame MARTA ZIAKOVA of the Slovak Republic on your electing as the president of the 62nd IAEA General Conference Regular Session. We are really pleased and proud in joining other member states to applaud for your presidency to lead this remarkable general conference.

We thank also to Her Excellency Madame MARIA ZENEIDA ANGARA COLLINSON of the Philippines, the President of the 61st General Conference for her great achievement during her term.

Cambodia became a member of the IAEA in 1958; two years after IAEA's statutory was established. We maintained our membership until 2003 and regained our membership again in 2009 after withdrawing for a while.

The Royal Government of Cambodia is fully committed to non-proliferation of the nuclear program and takes part to ensure the nuclear safety, security and safeguards at national, regional level and throughout the world. By the 1993 constitution and its subsequent amendments, Cambodia is absolutely prohibited from manufacturing, use and storage of the nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons. Subsequently, there are many other laws are relevant relating to the control of activities involving nuclear and other radioactive materials. Over the years, Cambodia is the party to many IAEA's agreements; treaties; protocols and conventions. For instance, in 1972, Cambodia signed on Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone Treaty in 1997 and Cambodia has been a party to the Additional Protocol (AP) and Small Quantity Protocol for strengthening the country safeguards commitment in 2015. A comprehensive nuclear law, which covering safety, security, safeguards and civil liability is under preparation by the IAEA's Technical Cooperation project with the inputs, comments from many other international organizations. For those other IAEA's conventions, treaties that Cambodia is not yet a party to, we are under consideration and hope to do that in the future, such as the amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of the Nuclear Materials, the political commitment to the code of conduct and the guidance on import export of Nuclear Material and so on.

Madame President,

Currently, Cambodia's nuclear and radiation safety security and safeguards is managed by the Ministry of Mines and Energy and other lines ministries and agencies at the national level who are working with the international organization and other countries on many aspects ranging from legal, application of nuclear and radiation technology in health,

industrial sector, agriculture as well as safety, security and safeguard of the nuclear materials and radiation sources.

Cambodia has successfully implemented the technical cooperation projects related the implementation of the peaceful use of nuclear technology in various sectors such as agriculture in soil fertility, crop management and livestock production. IAEA has helped Cambodia to establish the National Cancer Center, which was inaugurated in January 2018, in enhancing better capabilities in cancer treatment and nuclear medicine.

The IAEA's technical program also has helped improving our water resources management and provided an instrumental support in launching and the establishment of a future nuclear regulatory authority after the nuclear law will be promulgated in near future. In energy sector, though nuclear power plant program is not there yet, but the government encourages the building of soft infrastructure that include necessary regulatory framework to build an institutional framework and capacity building on human resource development and as well as to establish the safety and security regulations and standards.

Madame President,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Last year, during the 61st General Conference, Cambodia and IAEA has reached to another milestone on signing its second Country Program Framework (CPF) for implementation over a period of 2017 to 2023. The new CPF covers on the areas of Legislation frame works including the international legal instruments, Radiation and nuclear safety, Human Health, Agriculture, lives stock production and food irradiation, Waste resources management, Comprehensive energy planning and implementation program, Environmental protection and monitoring and radioactive waste management, Industrial applications, Cultural heritage preservation, and Human resources development and education.

Moreover, the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Government of the Russian Federation has come into an Agreement on cooperation in the field of the use of nuclear energy for peaceful use purposes in September 2017. Subsequently, a Memorandum of Understanding between Cambodia's Institute and Russia's Rosa Tom was signed in August 2018 aims at enhancement of the dialogue, information exchange and communication to promote nuclear science, technologies, and education in Cambodia.

In conclusion, all supports from various donors and partners have assisted Cambodia in achieving our development goals. For this cooperation, we are grateful and appreciative to the agency for support Cambodia timely.

Once again, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, we are deeply grateful to Excellency Director General Yukiya Amano for the various cooperation extended and provided to Cambodia so far by the IAEA, and based on this perspective, we sincerely

appeal for more cooperation programs in nuclear technology for peaceful purpose and development of Cambodia.

Last but not least, I would like to wish Excellency Madame President, Excellency Director General, Distinguished Countries Representatives, Honorable Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen to be healthy, successful in your career and life.

Thank you.