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Madam President!

Distinguished Delegates!

Ladies and gentlemen!

It is with great honor that I address this great 62nd General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Madam President!

Allow me, on my behalf and on behalf of the Mozambican delegation, to salute all participants and congratulate you on your appointment to chair this event of unquestionable importance.

Allow me also to extend our greetings to His Excellency, Mr. Yukiya Amano, Director General of the IAEA and his staff for the outstanding leadership of the International Atomic Energy Agency under the motto "Atoms for Peace and Development", in promoting the safe use of nuclear energy in the world through its peaceful application in various areas. I would like to take this opportunity to wish him a quick recovery.

Madam President!

In addressing the promotion of safe and peaceful use of nuclear energy, Mozambique maintains its determination to contribute to a world free of nuclear weapons.

In this way, our country has expressed and continues to express its commitment to contribute to the observance of the principles and fulfillment of the Agency's objectives.

Soon after joining the IAEA in 2006, Mozambique established the National Atomic Energy Agency (ANEA) in 2009. Thus, the commitments made by Mozambique as a

Member State over the years do not translate into mere rhetoric, but they are reflected in the implementation of international instruments, such as:

- The Non-Proliferation Treaty;
- The Pelindaba Agreement;
- The Safeguards Agreement and the Additional Protocol; and
- The Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material.

We are aware that the road is long and several international instruments need ratification by the Mozambican State. This is undoubtedly our challenge.

We understand that first we must prepare for the implementation of the instruments to which we have agreed on, so that they do not become a dead letter.

Madam President!

Ladies and gentlemen!

The materialization of actions for the peaceful promotion of nuclear technologies in Mozambique gains momentum with the Technical Cooperation program in the areas of Human and Animal Health, Agriculture, Mineral Resources, Energy Management, Capacity Building in these areas, including activities for the strengthening of the Regulatory Authority – ANEA.

It is under this program that the Agency supports the Member States to build, strengthen and maintain capacities in the safe and peaceful use of nuclear technology for sustainable economical development.

Madam President!

The Code of Conduct draws attention to the need to establish a robust, independent and effective Regulatory Authority with sufficient resources, qualified and competent staff to fulfill its regulatory responsibilities and functions.

Allow me, in particular, to talk about the progress made by Mozambique in strengthening the institutional capacity of the Regulatory Authority.

In that regard Mozambique has the Atomic Energy Law, approved in July 2017 and this year the Council of Ministers approved the following legal instruments:

- Decree 19/2018, of April 24, which establishes the licensing fees and provision of services in the scope of activities and practices involving the safe and peaceful use of nuclear energy;
- Decree 49/2018, of 21 August, which approves the Regulation of Radiological Protection.

During 2018 the Council of Ministers also plans to approve more legal instruments for the materialization of the Atomic Energy Law, namely:

- The Regulation of Transport of Radioactive Materials
- The Regulation of Radioactive Waste Management; and
- The National Nuclear or Radiological Emergency Plan.

Madam President!

In addition to these achievements the country as benefit from human resources training in various areas related with nuclear safety and security, as well as the acquisition of equipment for radiological protection.

The intervention of the IAEA for the start-up of the radiotherapy service at Maputo Central Hospital and the Radiotherapy Training Center at Eduardo Mondlane University will allow access to specialized cancer treatment in Mozambique.

For this achievement, I would like to end by expressing our sincere thanks for the support provided by the IAEA and reaffirm the commitment of the Republic of Mozambique in the implementation of the Safeguards and the Additional Protocol for the peaceful use of nuclear technology in our country.

I thank you all for the attention!