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Madam President,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Government of United Republic of Tanzania and my delegation, I congratulate you on your election to the Presidency of the Sixty Second Regular Sessions of the IAEA's General Conference. I would also like to congratulate all other Members elected to the bureau. My delegation assures you all of its unwavering support and cooperation in ensuring that the conference is conducted successfully.

Madam President;

The United Republic of Tanzania wishes to thank the Director General, Ambassador Yukiya Amano for the good work in implementing the mandates of the Agency, and on that note we wish him a speedy recovery so that he assumes his duties the soonest possible. We do appreciate his untiring efforts in supporting appropriate strategies and programmes for the advancement of peaceful applications of nuclear technologies.

Madam President;

This year marks the signing of our new Country Programme Framework (CPF) for a five years' period (2018-2022). This is a very important document for the advancement of nuclear technology and the development of our country in general. It will form a clear communication channel between those directly involved in the development priorities of the country on the one hand, and the decision makers at IAEA on the other. The projects to be funded under this programme are an integral part of the sectoral priorities in the Tanzania Development Vision 2025, Zanzibar Vision 2020 and the Second Five Year National Development Plan (2016-2021). We hope that the resources to be provided will facilitate achieving the objectives of the technical cooperation programme between the United Republic of Tanzania and the IAEA under the new Technical Cooperation Cycle, which will continue to focus on end-user oriented activities with visible social-economic impact.

Madame President;

My delegation is pleased to note the theme of this year's Scientific Forum "Nuclear Technology for Climate: Mitigation, Monitoring and Adaptation". The United Republic of Tanzania recognizes that nuclear science and technology can contribute in addressing the challenges of climate change following the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 and the Paris Agreement in 2016. Combating climate change is one of the biggest environmental challenges faced by humanity today. Its impacts are becoming more visible with more frequent extreme weather events such as rising sea

levels, and the spread of plant and animal diseases and insect pests. Nuclear technologies play a vital role in addressing these challenges.

Madam President;

I treasure the long standing commitment of the IAEA in supporting our country in delivering nuclear technology and in addressing our development needs. The potential and relevance of Nuclear Technology to development of our country particularly the applications of nuclear techniques in the fields of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Health, Water Resource Management, Mining, Industries and Energy is very clear and more importantly in the fields where there are no alternative technologies. The necessary and essential strategy would be to build the appropriate infrastructures and human resources for the use of nuclear technology. Furthermore, our scientific and technological experts in the above stated fields including energy technology are crucial in order to expand and improve research and implementation tools for poverty alleviation.

Madam President;

Cancer remains a challenge among other non-communicable diseases in Tanzania and indeed globally. My Government recognizes and appreciates the importance of and the need for partnership with IAEA to fight cancer to ensure that we achieve the strategic goals of our National Cancer Control Strategy. As such, the Government of Tanzania is pleased with the considerable assistance extended by the Agency to our country in Cancer Control. Substantial Agency

assistance has been provided to the country in the fields of Nuclear Medicine, Radiotherapy and Human Resource Development. Recently, the IAEA procured brachytherapy machine to Bugando Medical Center in Mwanza, through National TC project and therefore, having this machine has allowed the country to have a second cancer center. We also appreciate the technical support from IAEA in the procurement and installation of two Linear Accelerators and a CT simulator for Ocean Road Cancer Institute in Dar es Salaam and we are very delighted that our call for expanded access to cancer treatment in Tanzania has been positively considered.

Madam President;

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, understands the challenge in developing human resource, for sustainable application of nuclear science and technology and wishes therefore, to emphasize the importance of promoting training and capacity building in the area of nuclear technology. Tanzania has established a national Technical Cooperation project (URT0007) for a Graduate School of Nuclear Science and Technology at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology based in Arusha, with the aim of improving the contribution of nuclear science and technology in achieving 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. The school will act as a hub in coordinating the nuclear technology research and development activities and link with the research consumers, who are anticipated to include public and private institutions as well as businesses and services within Tanzania and beyond.

Madam President;

Tanzania is very supportive of the AFRA programme and remains convinced that the efforts to strengthen nuclear technology applications will be enhanced in our region. We are grateful to Member States that are providing extra-budgetary funding to ensure the success of programmes under the IAEA's Peaceful Uses Initiative and encourage other international partners to join this initiative.

Madam President;

I wish to conclude my statement by reaffirming my Government's commitment in meeting its obligations and maximizing its support to the Agency for achieving its mandated objectives.

Madam President;

I thank you all for your attention.