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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

I congratulate you on your election as President of the 64th Session of the General Conference. My delegation extends its full support to you, Mr. President, as well as all members of the Bureau.

Mongolia welcomes the IAEA membership of the Republic of Guinea and the Independent State of Samoa. This is a clear reflection of the growing importance of the Agency.

Mr. President,

We are living in an unprecedented new reality. Yet in this challenging environment with national lockdowns, reduced operations, and global transport limitations, the Agency proved itself to be an important partner to countries battling this pandemic.

On behalf of the Government of Mongolia, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Member States that swiftly and generously contributed to the project. Implementation of such project clearly demonstrates the IAEA's ability to deliver emergency support and assistance around the world. It is indeed a shining example of international collaboration in addressing global challenges. We encourage the IAEA to continue its efforts in a such manner.

Mongolia welcomes the Agency's effort to contribute to international efforts to strengthen global capacity to detect, prevent and respond to zoonotic diseases through the use of nuclear and nuclear derived techniques. Thus, my delegation highly appreciates and supports the Director General's initiative of the Zoonotic Disease Integrated Action or "ZODIAC" project. We are hopeful that the project will commence its implementation very soon.

Mr. President,

Mongolia is fully committed to nuclear non-proliferation as it believes that the nuclear non-proliferation regime based on the Treaty of Non-Proliferation and the Agency's safeguards system is the cornerstone of international security and indispensable to the sustainable development of nuclear energy. Over the past years the Agency has made enormous efforts to continue its work aimed at strengthening nuclear security. In this regard, I wish to underscore the importance of the International Conference on Nuclear Security held in Vienna last February.

Mongolia is committed to its obligations to the IAEA Safeguards Agreement and Additional Protocol. My Government has been making its utmost efforts in promoting and implementing regulatory procedures and standards.

Mongolia appreciates the continued efforts of the Agency to develop and implement Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plans (INSSPs) to assist Member States in applying a structured and holistic approach to nuclear security improvements including through capacity building and increased coordination.

Mr. President,

Mongolia attaches a crucial importance to the Technical Cooperation Programme of the IAEA and its role in building competences in the safe use of nuclear technology among Member States. We encourage the IAEA to increase its role in the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. Mongolia strongly supports the use of nuclear technologies in areas of food and agriculture, human health, water resources and environment that are main pillar of sustainable development.

The technical assistance provided by the Agency has given a noticeable boost to the development of scientific research, including establishments of various laboratories in Mongolia in the field of nuclear science and technology for peaceful purposes. With the assistance from IAEA, Mongolia has been successfully implementing national projects in the areas of health, food and agriculture, energy, industry, science, geology and mining. Mongolia's Country Programme Framework (CPF) for the period of 2016-2021 has been a great contribution to the socio-economic development of Mongolia.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, I would like to once again assure you, Mr. President, of our full support and cooperation in achieving the utmost outcome at this session of the General Conference.

I Thank you.