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At the outset, I wish to convey on behalf of the government and people of Kenya, our condolences and solidarity to the government and people of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the demise of the President, Foreign Minister and other officials following the tragic accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

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My delegation thanks you for presiding over this Conference and we assure you of our full support. We commend the Ambassadors of Australia and Kazakhstan and their team for their tireless efforts in developing a Ministerial declaration which unfortunately could not be adopted. We also thank the Director General, Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi and the Secretariat for putting in place excellent arrangements for this Conference.

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Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

Kenya attaches great importance to the Agency's work in coordinating global efforts to advance nuclear security. While emphasizing that nuclear security is a state responsibility, my delegation appreciates the Agency's work in assisting Member States to establish and improve effective and sustainable nuclear security regimes through technical support, advisory services and capacity building.

In Kenya, the Agency has undertaken various key missions including the Integrated Regulatory Review Service Mission (IRRS), International Nuclear Security Advisory Service Mission (INSServ) and Integrated Nuclear Infrastructure Review Missions (INIR), among others.

The use of the Agency's peer review services, Nuclear Security Series, Trainings and Experts has not only provided an objective basis for the development of the Country's nuclear security infrastructure but also solutions to the challenges faced.

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To promote nuclear security, Kenya promulgated the Nuclear Regulatory Act in December 2019, which came into force in January 2020. The Act establishes the Kenya Nuclear Regulatory Authority, to regulate the use of nuclear technology in the country, in conformity with obligations derived from the Country's international commitments. Key aspects of the law include regulations on Nuclear Security, Nuclear Safety and Nuclear Safeguards.

In February 2024, Kenya expressed its political commitment to the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and its two guidance documents: *The Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources* and *The Code Guidance on the Management of Disused Radioactive Sources*. This shows Kenya's commitment towards strengthening its regulatory framework for nuclear security and supporting global efforts of securing nuclear and radioactive materials.

Kenya has improved its nuclear security regime by upgrading the physical security of the Central Radioactive Waste storage site and radiation facilities holding Category I and II radioactive sources. Kenya has also established a national Nuclear Security Coordination Centre (NSCC), a multi-agency team that assesses threats, coordinates nuclear security activities and ensures the sustainability of the nuclear security regime.

Following the Agency's International Nuclear Security Advisory Service (INSServ), Kenya is implementing the findings -addressed in the Country's Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP).

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Criminal or intentional unauthorized acts directed at nuclear material, other radioactive material, associated facilities or associated activities and the resulting consequences are real. In this regard, Kenya recognises the

importance of the international instruments for Nuclear Security and is adopting them in its legislative and regulatory framework.

In order to effectively fulfil our collective obligations and commitments, we encourage other States to ratify and fully implement all the requirements as stipulated in the relevant international legal instruments. In this context, in July 2019 Kenya collaborated with the IAEA, to host a Regional Technical Meeting on the universalization of CPPNM and its Amendment which aimed at encouraging countries in the region that have not joined the Convention and its Amendment to do so.

Kenya is also contributing to the Agency's TECDOC title "*Experiences of Member States in Building a Nuclear Security Regime for New Nuclear Power Programmes: Case Studies and Lessons Learned*", which could be utilised by member states when enhancing their nuclear security regime.

Kenya in partnership with the Agency and other partners has hosted and participated in several international, regional and national workshops on Security of Radioactive Material in Use and Storage, Threat Assessment/Design Basis Threat; Nuclear Security Culture, Insider Threat Mitigation and Cyber Security.

This includes hosting of the following events in 2024:

1. East Africa Transport Symposium for Transportation Security that took place from 6th – 9th May 2024, which brought together 9 countries from East and Central Africa.
2. Regional Training Course on Introduction to Nuclear Forensics, 10th – 14th June 2024.
3. Regional Roundtable to Facilitate the Engagement of Young Professionals in Nuclear Security, on the week of 24th June 2024.
4. Regional Training Course on Introduction to Design and Evaluation of Physical Protection Systems for Radioactive Material and Associated Facilities, from 9th – 13th September 2024.

We welcome the establishment of the Nuclear Security Training and Demonstration Centre (NSTDC) in Seibersdorf in October 2023, which is complementing training opportunities offered in Member States and Nuclear Security Support Centres and are pleased to note that Kenyan officials have received training at the NSTDC on Nuclear and Computer Security.

We would also like to note the support received from other international partners in including the government of the United States of America who have provided support in the general development of nuclear security regulatory infrastructure and capacity building in nuclear security.

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Regional and international co-operation is indispensable in effectively reducing and managing nuclear security threats. In this regard, Kenya calls for the establishment of more regional nuclear security centers of excellence with a view to identifying and remedying the evolving nuclear security threats including cyber security in a comprehensive and timely manner.

With a view to creating a wider pool of experts in nuclear security, Kenya calls for the strengthening of capacity building in the prevention, detection and response to malicious acts involving nuclear and radioactive materials, particularly for developing countries. We also look forward to the implementation of strategies towards achieving gender equity especially in the development of nuclear security experts.

In conclusion, **Co-Presidents**, Kenya reaffirms its support for nuclear security and IAEAs role in promoting development and expansion of peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology.

Thank You.