



**STATEMENT ON GENERAL DEBATE, AT THE  
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- 1. My delegation wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to the people and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the untimely and tragic death of President Ebrahim Raisi, the Foreign Minister and other members who lost their lives.**
- 2. Co -Presidents, Namibia welcomes the convening of the 2024 International Conference on Nuclear Security and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Co-Presidents in facilitating this conference.**
- 3. Namibia ratified the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) and its Amendment and enjoys the assistance and support from the Agency in the regular updating of its Integrated Nuclear Security Sustainability Plan to ensure the highest standards of nuclear safety and security based on the IAEA guidelines. In context, Namibia attaches great importance to nuclear security and wish to underscore that nuclear security within a Member State rest entirely with the State.**
- 4. Whereas the demand for nuclear technology and applications is growing worldwide, we believe that nuclear security consideration should not hinder or delay the promotion and cooperation in the field of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. We continue to witness the impact nuclear technology has in delivering energy, improving health care and addressing food security. We should continue to encourage the wide adoption of those nuclear technologies that transform and impact socio-economic development while providing the necessary assistance and training in strengthening nuclear security determined by Member States based on their needs.**

- 5. It is our conviction that measures and initiatives aimed at strengthening nuclear safety and nuclear security must not be used as a pretext to deny or restrict the inalienable rights of developing countries to develop, research, produce and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. Namibia calls for the immediate removal of any limitations and restrictions on exports to developing countries of nuclear material, equipment and technology for peaceful purposes, consistent with the provisions of relevant multilateral treaties.**
- 6. Finally, Chair, we wish to emphasize the central role of the IAEA in facilitating international cooperation on nuclear security and that multilateralism remain central to attaining the goal of nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy for the benefit of humanity.**

**I thank you.**