



National Statement for the Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science, Technology, and the Technical Cooperation Programme 26-28 November 2024

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**Excellencies,
Esteemed participants,**

Malta fully aligns with the statement of the European Union. Allow me to add some remarks from a national perspective.

At the outset, Malta expresses its satisfaction as we have finally been able to convene such a vital Ministerial Conference to discuss the multiple ways in which Nuclear Science and Technology can help us tackle today's global challenges and reach our developmental goals, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. In a similar vein, we welcome the consensus on the Ministerial Declaration and compliment the co-chairs and all member states for the spirit of collaboration. The declaration should serve as a solid basis for future cooperation.

Excellencies,

Malta remains a strong supporter of the IAEA's Technical Cooperation Programme as the main vehicle to transfer nuclear technology capabilities to Member States and enhancing a responsible development of peaceful applications across the globe. Although Malta is a non-nuclear power country, we benefit from the diversity of nuclear science and technology in Radiotherapy and medicine, water collection, cultural heritage, and radiation protection. In this regard, Malta expresses its utmost gratitude to the IAEA Technical Cooperation Department and welcomes the agency's new TC Programme. We are also happy to showcase one of our TC success stories on cultural heritage through an exhibition at the Rotunda and invite all participants to visit.

Excellencies,

Malta strongly commends the IAEA for the implementation of various initiatives: Atoms 4 Food, Rays of Hope, NUTEC Plastics, Atoms 4 Net Zero, and ZODIAC. The fruitful results that these initiatives have achieved since their inception is testament



to the innovation and dedication of the IAEA led by DG Grossi and his team. Malta is proud to have financially contributed to several of these initiatives and intends to keep giving back to the agency in the future.

In relation, Malta commends the excellent progress and the milestones achieved under the Renewal2 project. The project will benefit member states through more nuclear-derived solutions, more researchers and more capacity building and training events. We look forward for all greenhouses and laboratories to be fully operational and stand happy to see that the money donated by Member States, including Malta, is being put to good use for the benefit of all our citizens.

Excellencies,

Malta understands how ensuring that nuclear material and technology are used only for peaceful purposes can only be achieved by implementing the highest standards in safeguards, nuclear and radiation safety and security. In this regard, we support the universal implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), which is the cornerstone of the international non-proliferation regime and stress the essence of the Agency's safeguards system. Malta also attaches great importance to the improvement of nuclear safety and to this end looks forward to hosting an Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) Mission in 2026.

Lastly, Malta commends the efforts made by the Agency to further strengthen the IAEA's gender equality policy which are leaving results. We note the impact of the Marie-Sklodowska Curie Fellowship Programme, the Lise Meitner Programme, and the work of the Women in Nuclear IAEA Chapter towards reaching gender equality goals. In relation, we look forward to Women In Nuclear's upcoming gender equality event on Thursday and salute the initiative. Malta strongly encourages the TC Department to continue promoting women's participation in all TC activities and realize the rights and potential of everyone.

Thank you.