

STATEMENT
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Mr. President,

Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Delegation of Viet Nam, I extend our warmest congratulations to Mr Rafael Mariano Grossi for hosting the important Conference. I also would like to take this opportunity to extend our warm congratulations to Mr/Ms..... for co-chairing this Conference. We are confident that, under your experienced and distinguished leadership, this Conference will achieve significant success.

Viet Nam deeply appreciates the tremendous efforts and remarkable achievements of the Agency in fulfilling its mission in using nuclear science and technology for peaceful purposes, for sustainable development while ensuring global safety and security.

Mr. President,

Distinguished Delegates,

Viet Nam remains steadfast in its commitment to the safe, secure, and peaceful use of nuclear technology. In alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Viet Nam emphasizes the role of nuclear technology in advancing human welfare and economic resilience. Our nation has witnessed the benefits of IAEA-supported initiatives in areas such as ZODIAC, NUTEC Plastic, Atoms for Food, and Rays of Hope.

The Technical Cooperation Programme is a critical mechanism for building capacity in Member States, especially for developing countries like Viet Nam. On the national front, we are grateful to the IAEA for its cooperation and support through technical cooperation projects. This support is vital for Viet Nam's new research reactor project and for advancing nuclear energy applications across various sectors.

Under the Technical Cooperation Programme, Viet Nam has made efforts to implement Practical Arrangements for Triangular Cooperation with Cambodia, Lao PDR, and IAEA. These efforts leverage Viet Nam's contributions and resources to support the IAEA's Technical Cooperation Programme and promote greater technical cooperation among developing countries.

In the area of nuclear security, the IAEA continues to support Viet Nam in strengthening its capabilities. Over the past year, Viet Nam has made concerted efforts to accompany IAEA inspectors in conducting in-field safeguards activities and performing domestic safeguards. Viet Nam has consistently responded to the Agency's verification requests, reaffirming its commitment to the peaceful application of atomic energy through the implementation of the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement (CSA) and the Additional Protocol (AP).

Mr. President,

Distinguished Delegates,

Viet Nam operates a nuclear research reactor in Da Lat, consistently adhering to IAEA safety standards. This reactor is crucial for scientific research, training skilled professionals, and producing essential radiopharmaceuticals for national and regional needs. We are currently implementing a project to establish a Research Center for Nuclear Science and Technology, featuring a 10 MW research reactor, extendable to 15 MW. We look forward to ongoing collaboration with the IAEA to ensure the project's success.

As we move forward, Viet Nam encourages the IAEA to continue prioritizing inclusive and balanced assistance that strengthens the scientific and technological capabilities of developing nations. We believe in the need for collaborative partnerships to support knowledge sharing, innovation, and capacity-building, enabling countries to harness nuclear technology to address their unique development challenges.

Mr. President,

Distinguished Delegates,

In closing, Viet Nam reaffirms its commitment to the principles of the IAEA and to promoting the peaceful use of nuclear energy for sustainable development. We extend our appreciation to the IAEA for its ongoing efforts in facilitating technical cooperation and innovation. As Member States, let us continue to work together in solidarity, advancing nuclear science and technology for the benefit of all.

Thank you for your kind attention.