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Mr. Chair

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the delegation of the Republic of Angola, I extend our warm congratulations on your election to preside over the 69th Session of the General Conference. We are confident that under your leadership, our deliberations will proceed in a spirit of consensus and yield results that reinforce the Agency's important role.

We express our support and appreciation to the International Atomic Energy Agency and in particular to Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi, General Director, for his leadership.

Mr. Chair

The IAEA has made significant achievements in recent years in the transfer of nuclear technology for development, therefore encouraging Member States to support activities that promote the application of nuclear techniques and energy for peaceful purposes.

Through the Technical Cooperation Program, the Republic of Angola additionally obtained two (2) linear accelerators which are now installed at the **Angolan Institute for Cancer Control**, enabling the treatment of oncological diseases with greater precision, safety, and clinical efficacy.

In the field of agriculture, other projects have been developed with the aim of increasing the productivity of corn and cassava crops, and their preliminary results are encouraging.

Within the framework of infrastructure modernization, the Nuclear Physics Applications Laboratory Project stands out, proposed to the **Directorate of Technical Cooperation for the**

2026-2027 cycle. This project involves the creation of a laboratory for soil analysis using nuclear techniques and for pest control using the insect sterilization technique (SIT).

Mr. Chair

Given the potential of nuclear technology and its applications in supporting sustainable development, access to these technologies is essential to achieving the 2030 Agenda and promoting the aspirations of the African Union's Agenda 2063.

The Republic of Angola is committed to strengthening its national regulatory infrastructures and therefore welcomes greater technical assistance from the Agency. Particularly in training personnel in the area of radiological and nuclear protection and safety, thus ensuring they are conducted in line with IAEA's standards for protection and safety.

Mr. Chair

Under the IAEA Safeguards Agreement, Angola reaffirms its commitment to implement the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and the Additional Protocol, committing to work closely with the Agency to supervise materials and facilities that emit ionizing radiation, to prevent radiological accidents, contributing to the verification of nuclear activities.

The Republic of Angola notes with deep concern the current challenges to international peace and security, including the risk of nuclear weapons proliferation. Angola reiterates its initial position in favor of nuclear disarmament and the full implementation of the objectives of the NPT.

Mr. Chair

At the regional level, we commit to engaging with the **African Regional Cooperation Agreement for Research, Development, and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology**

(AFRA), as well as other initiatives, including South-South Cooperation, as essential tools for sharing best practices, promoting capacity building, and advancing the applications of nuclear technology.

We encourage strong collaboration between the IAEA and African institutions, particularly with the African Union Commission, to ensure greater synergy in the use and application of science and nuclear technology for Africa's development.

In this regard, we commend the support the IAEA has provided to African countries in strengthening their national capacities through the Rays of Hope, Atoms4Food, and ZODIAC initiatives to achieve the sustainable development goals.

Mr. Chair

We reiterate that the resolutions to be approved during this Conference represent a guarantee for the continuity of cooperation between the Agency and its Member States despite global challenges.

It is our collective responsibility to ensure that the Agency has sufficient resources, trust, and the necessary political support to fulfill its mission.

Angola reaffirms its commitment to the principles and objectives of the IAEA, as well as to its cooperation with its Member States in promoting peace, security, and sustainable development.

Thank you very much.