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Bismillahirrahmannirrahim
Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatuallahi Wabarakatuh
And Good Morning

Chairperson and Members of the Governing Body,
Honourable Ministers,
Distinguished Head of Delegation,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I congratulate you, Mr. President, on your appointment and express confidence in your leadership and stewardship to advance our shared interests.

Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam has made steady progress in promoting safe, secure, and peaceful use of nuclear technology. Through strategic collaboration, we have gained a clearer understanding of where we stand, the challenges ahead, and the actions required for substantial progress.

Reflecting on this journey so far, it is clear that certain assurances are needed to maintain our momentum. In this regard, allow me to share three (3) key points.

First, continuous guidance and technical support remain indispensable at our current level of maturity. We have benefited greatly from IAEA assistance, which has strengthened our regulatory infrastructure and given us the confidence to elevate our commitments.

In October last year, Brunei Darussalam expressed its **political commitment** to the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources, including its supplementary guidance documents. Alignments are now underway, especially in the management of disused radioactive sources.

That same month, we joined the Asia-Pacific Safeguards Network, reinforcing our role in the global non-proliferation regime. More recently, in June, we partnered with the United States Department of Energy to organize a national awareness workshop on safeguards obligations. These efforts pave the way towards the conclusion of the Additional Protocol.

We are confident that, with sustained collaborative momentum, we are well-positioned to achieve more substantial progress, including the consideration of ratifying IAEA conventions in the near future.

This brings me to my second point – **effective mobilization of resources is vital to sustain our progress and enable further growth**. While we continue to scale up activities, additional resources remain essential.

On this note, we participated in the Regulatory Infrastructure Development Programme (RIDP) for Asia and the Pacific, launched in December last year. Recognizing its proven success in other regions and financial support from partners, the R.I.D.P will certainly complement our ongoing efforts.

As part of this initiative, we will commence the Advisory Mission on Regulatory Infrastructure for Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security, or in short RISS Mission, this coming December.

We are also honoured to have joined the Asian Nuclear Safety Network. This network, underpinned by a long-standing culture and shared cooperation, offers an instrumental platform for sharing best practices in the region.

Such engagement complements our active role in other regional initiatives, especially ASEANTOM, which has ongoing partnerships with various organizations.

Together, these engagements expand our reach and ensure sustainability as we address emerging priorities such as emergency response and preparedness and finalizing our Integrated Nuclear Security Sustainability Plan.

All of these efforts contribute meaningfully towards achieving our national objective as set out in the Radiation Protection Act, which is to protect people and the environment from harmful radiation. This resonates with my **third point: promotion of the peaceful applications of nuclear technology remains critical.**

Through the Technical Cooperation Programme, we have made significant strides towards this goal. In April this year, we commissioned our first Early Warning Environmental Radiation Monitoring System and launched our first Radiation Dosimetry Service Laboratory.

These milestones were made possible with the Agency's steadfast support. Now, we continue to build on this progress, not only to protect our people and the environment, but also to support global and regional monitoring efforts through future data sharing.

Looking ahead, we are expanding nuclear applications in the medical, calibration, agriculture, and power sectors. In the power sector, like many ASEAN neighbours, Brunei Darussalam is carefully exploring nuclear energy to support our future energy security and economic growth. We have adopted the IAEA's Milestones Approach as our guiding framework to enable us to consider the possibility of deploying a nuclear power programme in the late 2030s or early 2040.

In this regard, following the collective endorsement of funding for the Technical Cooperation Programme, Brunei Darussalam has submitted our pledges to the Technical Cooperation Fund for the year 2026 to further advance shared interests in promoting peaceful applications of nuclear technology.

Before I conclude, let me reaffirm Brunei Darussalam's unwavering commitment to promoting nuclear safety, security, and the peaceful use of nuclear technology. We look forward to working closely with everyone here, united in the spirit of solidarity, to build a safer and more sustainable global ecosystem. I am confident that this General Conference will deepen our common understanding and strengthen our collective endeavour.

Thank you, Mr. President.