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**Your Excellency. -----, President of the 69th Session,
Your Excellency, Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director General of IAEA,
Excellencies Ministers,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I would like to begin by extending to you, President, and your country my best congratulations on having been elected President of the 69th Ordinary Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Let me assure of my delegation's full support as you steer this important work. I would also take this opportunity to thank your predecessor, South Korea's Mr. Ham Sangwook, for his outstanding leadership in the 68th Session.

President,

The Ethiopian delegation would like to express its sincere appreciation for Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi's vision-oriented approach to promoting the peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology. We are particularly grateful for his programs, Rays of Hope and Atoms for Food, which have made a significant contribution towards our nation's development objectives.

Specifically, I must convey Ethiopia's heartfelt gratitude for his generous commitment to provide a Linear Accelerator (LINAC) machine to Black

Lion Hospital in Addis Ababa. This critical help will greatly enhance our nation's ability to treat cancer, bringing hope to an estimated thousands of patients and their families. The new LINAC machine not only will expand access to up-to-date treatment and reduce waiting lists but also will be a powerful demonstration of how the IAEA mission is changing lives with the spirit of solidarity.

President,

Ethiopia is actively committed to peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology, in accordance with our national development strategy. Practical steps have been taken by our government to upgrade the institutional framework and regulatory body so that nuclear applications benefit the vital sectors of health, agriculture, energy, and beyond.

In addition to this, on the 9th of September 2025, His Excellency Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced his plan to launch a peaceful nuclear project, symbolizing our determination to expand energy sources and position science and innovation as the engines of sustainable development. We are dedicated to promoting the peaceful application of nuclear technology as a secure and sustainable means of bridging our increasing energy needs and enhancing our people's well-being.

President,

Ethiopia was also honoured to Chair the African Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training in connection with Nuclear Science and Technology (AFRA). As I handover this chairmanship, I would like to express appreciation to the IAEA for its continuous devotion. Together, we facilitated regional collaboration in applying nuclear science towards sustainable development.

President,

I would like to reaffirm my country's strong commitment to cooperation and technical partnership with the Agency. We are fully dedicated to the IAEA mandate and its historic mission of using "atoms for peace and development."

Finally, Let us reaffirm our collective determination that nuclear technology is a bridge towards sustainable development, energy equity, and human progress. Ethiopia would like to express its commitment to diligently work towards a positive contribution to this common mission.

I Thank you!