



**STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
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OF LESOTHO TO IAEA**

President of the 69th Session of the General Conference

Director General of IAEA

Honourable Ministers

Excellencies

Distinguished Delegates

I am honored and privileged to address this 69th General Conference of IAEA as the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Lesotho to IAEA, and bring greetings from the Government and the people of Lesotho.

Your Excellency Ambassador Peter Burian of the Slovak Republic, on behalf of the delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho, allow me to congratulate you on your election as the President of the 69th Session of the General Conference of IAEA, and pledge our full support under your eminent leadership. We would also like to congratulate Director General, H.E. Rafael Mariano Grossi, for his decisive leadership and commitment towards the reform of the organization and to make it more responsive to our needs using peaceful application of nuclear science and technology for sustainable economic development.

We commend the IAEA for its efforts in fostering international cooperation and for supporting the development goals of countries like ours, especially through the Technical Cooperation (TC) programme, through capacity building initiatives and expert assistance.

Mr President,

Lesotho currently implements four IAEA Technical Cooperation projects for 2023-2024 in the areas of livestock production, crop improvement, food safety, and establishment of Radiology facilities.

We are pleased to report that the Radiation Protection Authority (RPA) in Lesotho is now operational, with the CEO and staff duly appointed. We thank the IAEA for the support the regulatory Authority has received and request for further support to build capacity and capability for the newly established regulatory Authority.

We recognize the importance of strengthening our radiation safety because at present, many Thematic Safety Areas (TSA) remain low in RASIMS, but with the RSA fully operational, The Government of Lesotho is committed to providing the

necessary financial and human resources necessary to improving the radiation safety infrastructure in the country.

Mr President,

Lesotho is proud to have established national chapters of Women in Nuclear (WiN) and the Young Generation in Nuclear (YGN). These platforms will actively promote the participation of women and youth in the peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology.

Mr President,

We would like to thank the IAEA for initiating the Rays of Hope initiative which is assisting Lesotho to train nuclear and radiation medicine specialist including the training of Radiation Oncologist, Radiation Therapy Technologist, and Medical Physicists. We would like to inform you that the Lesotho Minister of Health official launched the construction of Radio Therapy facilities on 08 January 2025.

Mr President,

Lastly, allow me once again to reiterate our commitment to reaffirm that Lesotho will maintain the momentum to support IAEA towards enhancing the peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology for sustainable economic development across the world.

Thank you.

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