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**Mr. President, Distinguished delegates,**

**Introduction**

1. On behalf of the Malaysian delegation, I congratulate, H.E. Mr. Peter Burian, on his election as President of the 69<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference. Please be assured of Malaysia's full support towards your able leadership.
2. Malaysia commends the Agency's initiatives and contributions in advancing transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the discharge of its mandate. We reiterate our strong support for its work, through the timely and full payment of contributions.

**Mr. President,**

**Safeguards, Nuclear Disarmament & Non-Proliferation**

3. Malaysia reaffirms the NPT as the cornerstone of global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. We express full confidence in the IAEA's independence, impartiality, and professionalism in verifying safeguards. Malaysia underscores the complementary and reinforcing nature of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). We view the Treaty as legally sound, feasible to implement, and a vital contribution to reinforcing the global disarmament architecture.
4. Malaysia emphasises the importance of legally binding negative security assurances by Nuclear-Weapon States to non-Nuclear-Weapon States. We reaffirm our full commitment to the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ), and remain ready to resolve all outstanding issues in accordance with the objectives and principles of the Treaty.
5. Malaysia reaffirms the urgent need for the establishment of a Middle East Weapons-of-Mass-Destruction-Free Zone (MEWMDZFZ), in accordance with UN Security Council, General Assembly resolutions, and NPT Review Conference

resolutions. We believe such a zone would enhance regional and global peace, strengthen WMD non-proliferation, and advance nuclear disarmament.

6. Malaysia strongly supports the restoration and full implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). We urge all relevant parties to recommit to sustained dialogue and diplomacy, rebuild mutual trust and preserve this important multilateral achievement.
7. Malaysia remains concerned over the continued surge in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (DPRK) intercontinental ballistic missile testing and launches, which constitute clear and flagrant violation of multiple United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions. We underscore the urgent need of all parties to resume peaceful dialogue towards the peace and stability in a denuclearized Korean Peninsula.

**Mr. President,**

### **ASEAN Chairmanship**

8. Malaysia is honoured to lead ASEAN in its capacity as Chairman for 2025. We are committed to revitalising ASEAN-led initiatives to foster regional and global cooperation. In this regard, Malaysia acknowledges the significant milestone in

ASEAN–IAEA cooperation through the extension of the Practical Arrangements. We highly appreciate the IAEA’s indispensable role, in supporting ASEAN, to strengthen nuclear safety, security, and safeguards, and its involvement as a key dialogue partner in the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEANTOM Annual Meeting.

9. In this context, the multilateral nuclear security detection exercise, MITSATOM 2025, marked a regional success and underscored ASEAN’s commitment, to strengthening cooperation in addressing potential nuclear security events and radiological emergencies. With the IAEA’s support through the Integrated Nuclear Security Sustainability Plan (INSSP), the exercise further reinforced our collective resolve. Malaysia was also honoured to host the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the ASEAN Network on Nuclear Power Safety Research, to further strengthened our regional collaboration.

### **Nuclear Safety**

10. As Malaysia explores nuclear power as part of its long-term energy transition strategy, we are preparing for accession to the relevant international legal instruments governing nuclear safety, security, and safeguards. In this regard, the Department of Atomic Energy Malaysia, as the National Authority, undertakes the critical responsibility of ensuring

these instruments are effectively implemented and upheld. Malaysia is committed to advancing its nuclear power programme safely, securely, and under full safeguards, in line with best practices and in cooperation with the Agency.

11. Malaysia places nuclear safety at the core of our efforts. The recent INSARR mission to our research reactor has provided valuable recommendations that we are implementing to strengthen safety practices. In education and training, Malaysia will host an EduTA mission, to further improve our national framework on radiation protection and safety.

### **Nuclear Security**

12. Malaysia, through the National Nuclear Security Support Centre (NSSC) continues to share its experience and enhance capabilities in nuclear security. This year, Malaysia shares best practices with Thailand, the Philippines and Pakistan. We welcome Member States to this Centre to advance and strengthen network cooperation. In this regard, Malaysia is working towards recognition as an IAEA Collaborating Centre in nuclear security detection, to strengthen national and regional capacities through research, training, and collaboration.

## **Technical Cooperation**

**Mr. President,**

13. Malaysia reemphasises the importance of the Technical Cooperation (TC) Programme as the foundation of our partnership with the Agency. This was reaffirmed in the mid-term review of Country Programme Framework (CPF), which included energy planning and nuclear power to strengthen energy security in line with national priorities.
14. This year, Malaysia had the privilege of hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Nuclear Science Olympiad (INSO) with participants from 14 countries. This initiative is vital for nurturing the next generation of experts, and we encourage more participation from Member States in the next Olympiad.

## **Nuclear Science, Technology and Applications**

15. As an IAEA Collaborating Centre, Malaysia remains committed to advancing the peaceful use of nuclear technology. Under NUTEC Plastics, we are working towards establishing a pilot plant, for sustainable recycling. In plant mutation breeding, Malaysia continues to strengthen capacity building and knowledge sharing by welcoming more fellows and scientific visitors.

16. We also strongly stress on cultivating highly skilled workers with certification scheme to ensure the highest standards in Non-Destructive Testing (NDT). On this note, we are advancing NDT in line with Industry 4.0, through digitalisation and AI, and stand ready to be a regional hub to support Member States.

## **Conclusion**

**Mr. President,**

17. In conclusion, Malaysia reiterates its commitment to peaceful nuclear applications and will continue working with the Agency and Member States, to promote innovation, build regional capacity, and support global sustainable development.

**Thank you.**