

**Statement of the Republic of Moldova at the 68th Session of the IAEA  
General Conference**

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Mr. President,

The Republic of Moldova fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by Denmark on behalf of the European Union and would like to add a few remarks in its national capacity.

Mr. President,

Allow me to extend my sincere congratulations on your election and to assure you of Moldova's unwavering support and commitment to the success of this General Conference.

The world continues to be affected by multiple crises, one of them being the military aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine. Besides the cruel violation of international law, this war is provoking serious threats to nuclear safety and security in East Europe. The Ukraine's nuclear power plants which are now under the control of the constitutional authorities from Kyiv have been permanently facing shelling attacks with severe consequences in their capacities to ensure the energy security of Ukraine. Moreover, together with the local staff, the IAEA inspection missions members are under risk of conducting the Agency's mandate there.

Meanwhile, the Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP), the largest Nuclear Power Plant in Europe, continues to be under Russian occupation and the Kyiv authorities have no possibility to exercise both their sovereign right to control this nuclear power plant and ensure proper implementation of the nuclear security measures. The reports provided by the Ukrainian authorities during the last year show a severe regress in compliance with security measures at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant with proven facts like access of unauthorized persons to the critical areas of the plant and presence of military people and weapons in the sensible zones of Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant.

The Republic of Moldova supports the territorial integrity of Ukraine and considering the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant as a part of Ukraine and condemns the mentioning of Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in national reports provided by Russian Federation at the IAEA events like it happened in March 2025 at the 8<sup>th</sup> Review Meeting of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management.

We commend Director General Grossi for his leadership and the tireless work of the IAEA in ensuring the safety of nuclear installations in the circumstances of permanent risk. Moldova strongly supports the Agency's efforts to monitor and report on the situation, and we join the international community in calling for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Russian military forces from ZNPP and all other nuclear facilities in Ukraine.

Mr. President,

The Republic of Moldova reaffirms its strong commitment to strengthening the global nuclear security framework. We view the IAEA's safeguards system as a cornerstone of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of nuclear weapons (NPT) and continue to advocate for the universal adoption of Comprehensive Safeguards Agreements and Additional Protocols.

Moldova is equally dedicated to the IAEA's Technical Cooperation Programme, which has played a vital role in building our national capacities in areas such as nuclear safety, radiation protection, and the peaceful use of nuclear technology. Through this programme, we have received essential technical assistance and expertise, enabling us to enhance our regulatory frameworks and better safeguard public health and the environment.

In the current Technical Cooperation cycle, Moldova has actively engaged in projects focused on human health, especially in radiotherapy and nuclear medicine, with the aim of advancing cancer diagnosis and treatment. We are deeply grateful to the IAEA and our international partners — including the European Union, the United States, the Swedish International Development Agency and Global Fund to Fight AIDS—for their continued support. As perfect proof serves the inauguration of a modern radiotherapy complex at the Oncological Institute of Moldova on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the event being attended by the IAEA Deputy Director General Hua Liu. Thanks to this common effort, the Republic of Moldova became able to align itself with international medical standards in the field of radiological safety and cancer treatment, and patients benefit from modern oncology treatments.

We have also made significant strides in the management of radioactive waste, a national priority, by implementing projects that promote safe handling, storage, and disposal practices, which is important in the accession negotiations between the Republic of Moldova and European Union.

Moldova looks forward to continued collaboration under the IAEA's Technical Cooperation Programme, remaining committed to the peaceful use of nuclear technology in fields such as healthcare, agriculture, and environmental protection.

In conclusion, Mr. President,

I would like to reiterate Moldova's strong support for the IAEA's mandate and assure you of our continued cooperation in promoting nuclear safety, security, and the peaceful use of nuclear technology.

Thank you, Mr. President.