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Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

Let me join the previous speakers in congratulating you on your election as President of the 69th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). I am confident that, under your able leadership, the Conference will conduct its work with great success. I assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation.

Mr. President,

The international community continues to face profound social, economic, environmental and security challenges. In this context, the role of the IAEA in ensuring that atomic energy is harnassed for peace, health, and prosperity has become more important than ever.

Global geopolitical tensions are deepening, fueling conflict and heightening nuclear risks. The collective efforts of countries around the world towards non-proliferation, disarmament of nuclear weapons, as well as the expansion of nuclear-weapon-free zones, must be given due consideration.

Mongolia attaches a great importance to nuclear security and safety, safeguards and the peaceful application of nuclear science and technology. Non-proliferation remains at the core of our policy. By having its nuclear-weapon-free status internationally recognized, Mongolia has made a meaningful contribution to the elimination of nuclear threats. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to nuclear-weapon-free policies and initiatives, and call upon all countries to join in advancing peace and stability towards a world free of nuclear weapons.

Mr. President,

Mongolia has strengthened its legislative framework in line with IAEA guidance, adopting robust standards and regulations on radiation safety, radiological protection, and the safe management of radioactive sources.

In December 2024, Mongolia acceded to the Convention on Nuclear Safety and ratified the 2005 Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (A/CPPNM). The ratification of the A/CPPNM marked a strategic milestone in

reinforcing the country's nuclear security framework and legal infrastructure. This important development reaffirms Mongolia's strong commitment to the peaceful use of nuclear technology and its determination to prevent nuclear and radiological threats both nationally and regionally.

In December 2024, the Parliament of Mongolia ratified the Modified Small Quantities Protocol and submitted its initial declaration of nuclear material within 30 days. This further deepened our cooperation with the IAEA in implementing safeguards and promoting non-proliferation.

Mongolia has long been a leader in nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, having declared itself a nuclear-weapon-free state in 1992 and actively engaging in international cooperation. By ratifying the Modified Small Quantities Protocol, Mongolia reaffirms its ongoing commitment to work with the IAEA in supporting nuclear non-proliferation.

In May 2025, Mr. Massimo Aparo, IAEA Deputy Director General and Director of the Department of Safeguards, paid an official visit to Mongolia, which further strengthened our cooperation with the IAEA .

Mr. President,

The Government Action Plan for 2024-2028 reflects the basic studies of nuclear power infrastructure development based on the IAEA's guidance on the Milestones in the Development of a National Infrastructure for Nuclear Power. Mongolia is aiming to establish a NEPIO which will lead all managerial activities including the completion of the Comprehensive report including the pre-Feasibility Study based on the basic studies of nuclear power development 19 issues.

In parallel, the Government of Mongolia concluded the Investment Agreement with Orano group to commence uranium production in near future. Mongolia expresses its strong willingness to work in close cooperation with the IAEA in the implementation of these objectives.

Mongolia became a member of the IAEA's International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO) in 2024. Through this partnership, we are committed to contributing to the global development of nuclear energy systems, and intend to apply INPRO's methodologies to assess and improve our national energy infrastructure.

Mr. President,

The agency's Technical Cooperation Program is central to achievingour common agenda. On behalf of my Government, I wish to express our deepest appreciation to the IAEA for its invaluablecontribution to Mongolia's development.

Since joining the IAEA, Mongolia has been implementing numerous TC projects that have concrete results in development of all sectors. In particular, within the framework of the Country Programme Framework for the period of 2022-2027, national projects are implemented in the areas of food and agriculture, human health, water and environment, nuclear science and technology, nuclear and radiation safety and security, energy, and industry.

"Mongolia fully supports the IAEA's initiatives such as 'Rays of Hope', 'Atoms for Food', 'ZODIAC', 'Atoms4NetZero', and 'NUTEC Plastics', and is working to align them with national technical cooperation projects and programs in order to maximize their outcomes. In particular, we would like to highlight that the national project under the 'Rays of Hope' initiative plays an important role in protecting the health of the population, modernizing the country's healthcare sector, and strengthening human resource capacity.

Mr. President,

Mongolia reaffirms its firm commitment to continue close cooperation with the IAEA, fulfill its obligations as a Member State, further expand the scope of cooperation and actively participate in the activities of the Agency.

In conclusion, I would like to once again assure you, Mr. President, of our full support and cooperation in achieving the utmost outcome at this session of the General Conference.

Thank you for your attention.