

NORWAY

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**Statement for the General Debate, delivered by ambassador Susan Eckey,
Permanent Representative of Norway to the IAEA.**

President,

**Congratulations on assuming the Presidency of this year's General
Conference. You can count on Norway's full support.**

**It is deeply regrettable that Russia's illegal and unprovoked war against
Ukraine is still ongoing, and that Russia has declined to withdraw its forces
from within Ukraine's internationally recognized borders. Russia's military
presence at the Zaporizhzhya nuclear plant is unacceptable and continues to
cause an unprecedented risk to nuclear safety and security.**

**We commend the Director General and his team for their strong commitment
to nuclear safety and security on Ukraine. The IAEA's support and assistance
missions in Ukraine provide crucial information and assessments. We are
grateful for their efforts as well as the hard work of the Ukrainian personnel
under extreme conditions.**

**We fully support the Agency's seven pillars for nuclear safety and security
and the five principles for the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant. Norway
supports the Resolution on Nuclear safety, security, and safeguards in
Ukraine. We commend Canada's leadership on the resolution, and we
encourage all Member States to support it.**

Norway has worked closely with Ukrainian authorities on nuclear safety and security for many years, and over the past two years we have further increased our bilateral support. We are also pleased to be one of the member states contributing financially to the Agency's efforts in Ukraine.

President,

The NPT is the cornerstone of the global disarmament and non-proliferation regime and has contributed to our common security for more than half a century. The IAEA is the key international institution to ensure adherence to NPT non-proliferation obligations and to ensure that all states can benefit from the peaceful uses of nuclear technologies.

All States parties must cooperate fully with the IAEA in implementing their safeguards obligations. The comprehensive safeguards agreement with an Additional Protocol constitutes the current verification standard. Norway urges all States to bring the Additional Protocol into force, and to revise their small quantities protocols where applicable.

President,

We welcome the technical agreement reached between DG Grossi and foreign minister Aragchi in Cairo on 9 September, inspections must resume without delay. The importance of the agreement lays in its implementation and enabling the Agency's with full access to facilities and material in order to

verify Iran's compliance with its Safeguards Agreement. Commitments under this agreements are not subject to negotiations.

Norway continues to be seriously concerned about the accumulation of highly enriched uranium by Iran, the only non-nuclear weapon state to produce such nuclear material. We reaffirm our strong support for a diplomatic solution to the challenges posed by Iran's nuclear program.

Norway condemns the DPRK's pattern of ballistic missile tests and continuous development of its nuclear program. We call for DPRK's immediate return to dialogue and its complete, verifiable and irreversible abandonment of the program. We appreciate the Agency's readiness to resume nuclear verification in the DPRK. Norway will vote in favour of the resolution on DPRK, and we encourage others to do the same.

Norway welcomes the Director General's engagement with Syria in relation to outstanding safeguards issues and the process of clarifying the outstanding safeguards issues. We welcome the immediate and unrestricted site access granted by the transitional Government during the Director General's visit in June.

President,

The issue of nuclear security runs parallel to the issue of nuclear non-proliferation. Instruments in these two areas are mutually reinforcing.

We call for the universal application of the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, and for the full implementation

of the Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism and relevant guidelines and politically binding instruments.

Norway strongly advocates minimising and eliminating the civilian use and stocks of highly enriched uranium (HEU). We call on all Member States to sign and implement Information Circular 912 in this regard.

President,

Nuclear technologies play a pivotal role in addressing the world's energy, health, environmental and agricultural needs, for the benefit of all people. Nuclear technologies are instrumental to achieve the Sustainable Developments Goals. The IAEA is a key facilitator in this respect. I am pleased to announce that Norway is pledging approximately 660 000 EUR to the IAEA Peaceful Uses Initiative, in addition to our contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund, bringing our support to nuclear applications in 2025 up to more than 1,3 million EUR.

We also commend the Agency for its efforts to successfully include more women in the secretariat at all levels, as well as working actively for women's participation and diversity in nuclear-related industries.

Finally I would like to warmly welcome and congratulate the Maldives as a new IAEA Member State.

President,

Director General

Colleagues and distinguished delegates

I wish you all success for this General Conference