

**SPEECH BY THE PERUVIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THE
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- Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA);
- President of the IAEA General Conference;
- Members of the Board of Governors;
- Representatives of Member States;
- Ladies and gentlemen:

Peru remains convinced that the peaceful uses of nuclear energy are an essential tool for the development of States, with applications in health, environmental protection, strategic resource management, and food security.

In this context, I would like to express the sincere gratitude of the Government of Peru for the constant and timely cooperation of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which has been significantly strengthened in recent years through initiatives such as Rays of Hope, Atoms4Food, Nutec Plastics and ZODIAC, clear examples of how nuclear technology for peaceful purposes generates positive impacts on our populations.

In particular, I would like to highlight this year's release of the imPACT mission report, which provided us with a more accurate assessment of the state of the fight against cancer in Peru. This study is essential for guiding our public policies and ensuring that advances in prevention, diagnosis and treatment reach all regions of the country more effectively and equitably. Along these lines, Peru will continue to strengthen hospital infrastructure, reinforce staff training, and expand decentralised access to radiological technologies.

Mr. President,

Peru places particular importance to multilateral forums that promote the exchange of experiences and best practices in the nuclear field.

Until July of this year, Peru, through the Peruvian Institute of Nuclear Energy (IPEN), held the presidency of the Ibero-American Forum of Radiological and Nuclear Regulatory Agencies, by its acronym, FORO, a mechanism that complements the work of the IAEA in promoting the highest standards of nuclear safety and radiation protection in the use of radioactive materials in the region.

It should be noted that the 31st Plenary Meeting of the FORO was recently held in Lima, strengthening regional cooperation, consolidating a common technical agenda and enabling the successful transfer of the FORO Presidency to the Portuguese Environment Agency, to which we extend our best wishes in the fulfilment of its mandate and the full collaboration of our former presidency.

Mr. President,

We recognise that the current international scenario, marked by growing geopolitical tensions, highlights the importance of strengthening existing nuclear regimes and avoiding the risks associated with the use of nuclear weapons.

Peru expresses its deep concern about the persistence of armed conflicts in various regions of the world, which hinder international efforts to consolidate peace.

In light of these challenges, my country, values the indispensable role of the IAEA and its Board of Governors in promoting a secure international environment, where dialogue and diplomacy must prevail as fundamental means for the peaceful resolution of disputes.

Peru reaffirms its commitment to the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime. In particular, we emphasise the importance of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the commitments of Article VI of the NPT. We also encourage States that have not yet done so to ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) as well as the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

Mr. President,

Peru will continue to work closely with the IAEA, under the vision of “atoms for peace and development”, convinced that international cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy is a vital tool for addressing global challenges and moving towards a safer, healthier and more sustainable future for all.

Thank You.