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Mr President,

1. On behalf of the Delegation of Malaysia, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Your Excellency, the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka, Ambassador Abdul Azeez on your election as the President of this 58th Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference and to the other distinguished members of the Bureau. My Delegation is confident that this Conference will come to a successful conclusion under your Presidency. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Permanent Representative of South Africa for excellently presiding in the last session. My Delegation also wishes to welcome the Union of the Comoros, Republic of Djibouti, Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and the Republic of Vanuatu as the new Member States to the IAEA.

2. Our appreciation to the Director General of the IAEA, Mr. Yukiya Amano, for the review of the Agency's work for 2013 in the Annual Report as contained in document GC(58)/3. My Delegation acknowledges the comprehensive and informative statement by the Director General. We are confident that the Agency, under the leadership of the Director General in continuously promoting the peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology, will benefit Member States.

Mr. President,

4. Malaysia continues to view nuclear safety with utmost importance. Hence, My Delegation acknowledges the continuous efforts by the Agency to strengthen the nuclear safety regime and the implementation of activities under the Nuclear Safety Action Plan 2012-2013. My Delegation also looks forward to the finalisation of the IAEA Comprehensive Report on the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant Accident.

5. Malaysia reiterates the importance of global efforts towards nuclear security and the commitment of the Agency and Member States towards a more effective worldwide nuclear security. Malaysia recognises and fully supports the IAEA's central role in enhancing and strengthening nuclear security worldwide. In this regard, My Delegation would like to

congratulate the Government of Netherlands and the IAEA for convening the Nuclear Security Summit in March 2014 at The Hague. My Delegation also welcomes the conclusions of the Summit which include reducing the amount of dangerous nuclear materials in the world.

6. Malaysia recognises the importance of nuclear security in preventing the unauthorised use of nuclear material and nuclear technology. In this regard, Malaysia maintains our detection capabilities in major port of entries and international borders for both passengers and cargo areas. We thank the IAEA for providing the expertise to revise our Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP). This has further strengthened the infrastructure and human capacity development in Malaysia. As a regional Nuclear Security Support Centre (NSSC), Malaysia continues to cooperate with the IAEA in disseminating best practices and sharing of experiences within the region.

7. Malaysia is currently at the final stage of revising our legislative and regulatory framework, incorporating provisions for nuclear safety, security, safeguards and nuclear liability. This effort will enable Malaysia to accede to and sign the relevant international nuclear instruments. In this regard, recognising the importance of regional cooperation in

regulatory control, Malaysia continues to actively take part in ASEAN Network of Regulatory Bodies on Atomic Energy (ASEANTOM) activities to ensure the successful implementation of its 2014-2015 Action Plan.

Mr President,

8. Malaysia views that the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme's resources should be made adequate in order to ensure that all planned activities can be implemented effectively and efficiently. Hence, Malaysia welcomes the report of the Working Group on Financing the Agency's Activities (WGFAA) and hopes that the recommendations of the Working Group is successfully implemented, ensuring that the funds for the Technical Cooperation are sufficient, assured and predictable.

9. Malaysia has always supported the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme. The programme should continue to be formulated and implemented in accordance with the IAEA's guiding principles, as well as the decision and resolutions of the IAEA policy making organs. Simultaneously, Malaysia is actively implementing its National Technical Cooperation projects, as well as participating in the Regional and Interregional Technical Cooperation projects under the current cycle. Malaysia will continue to work closely with the Agency to

ensure that all project activities are adequately funded. My Delegation is grateful to the Secretariat for its efforts in the successful implementation of the Technical Cooperation projects.

11. Malaysia appreciates the Peaceful Uses Initiative (PUI) programme aiming at providing extra budgetary funding to assist implementation of Technical Cooperation Projects. This programme provides opportunities for partnerships among Member States on PUI-supported projects. Malaysia would like to record our appreciation to all financial contributors to this programme, having made some of our activities possible. Of this, My Delegation would like to thank Japan for their current PUI contribution. We look forward to continuous financial contributions to this program beyond the 2015 Non-proliferation Treaty Review Conference (NPT RevCon).

12. Malaysia has always expressed its readiness to offer assistance in human capacity development to other countries in the Asia Pacific region. We recognise the long-standing confidence that the Agency has for Malaysia in hosting the Post Graduate Education Course (PGEC) in Radiation Protection and the Safety of Radiation Sources. Presently, we are hosting the 11th PGEC course.

Mr. President,

13. Malaysia continues to support IAEA's effort towards modernisation of the Seibersdorf's Nuclear Application Laboratories for supporting nuclear science activities, especially in developing countries. Malaysian scientists have benefited tremendously from the hands-on training and research at these laboratories. We appreciate the recognition by the Agency for inviting a Malaysian expert in the planning stage of Renovation of the IAEA Nuclear Application Laboratories (ReNuAL) project.

Mr. President,

14. Malaysia recognises the IAEA's invaluable contribution in promoting nuclear energy for peaceful uses. With this view, Malaysia continues to support initiatives by International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO) to ensure that nuclear energy is available to contribute to meeting the energy needs of the 21st century in a sustainable manner. Malaysia also recognizes the efforts made by the IAEA in publishing the INPRO Action Plan 2014-2015. Malaysia would be actively participating in INPRO activities in line with this two-year plan.



Finally, Mr. President,

15. Malaysia appreciates the successful convening of the Third NPT Review Conference Preparatory meeting in New York in mid-2014 and will engage in activities leading to the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in 2015. In addition, Malaysia would like to reaffirm our support to the Resolution of the 2010 NPT Review Conference on the establishment of a Middle East Free Zone of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction. With regard to the South East Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEANWFZ), My Delegation looks forward to the Nuclear-Weapons States acceding to the Protocol to the Treaty at the earliest opportunity.

I thank you, Mr. President.