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Mr. President, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 1. I wish to congratulate you, Ambassador Adnan Othman, on your election as the President of the 60<sup>th</sup> session of the IAEA General Conference. I am particularly delighted to see a fellow ASEAN colleague chairing this august body. I am confident that under your able leadership this Conference will attain all its objectives. Allow me to also congratulate all members of the Bureau, and extend my delegation's full support for the success of this Conference.
- 2. Indonesia welcomes Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the Islamic Republic of Gambia as new members of the Agency, and look forward to building cooperation with them.
- Mr. President,
- 3. Indonesia welcomes the progress and achievements in the overarching activities of the Agency, in particular in the development of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, which contributes positively to peace, health, and prosperity throughout the world. The role of the Agency in this regard is indispensable, and Indonesia appreciates the Agency's continuing effort to extend its assistance and support to Member States.
- 4. Indonesia notes with regret, however, that the Agency remains unable to carry out its mandates in applying safeguards in several parts of the world, including in the Middle East and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). Indonesia strongly supports the Agency's mandate in this regard, which will contribute to the global peace and security.

## Mr. President,

- 5. 2016 is an especially important year for developing countries. Indonesia welcomes the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and notes with interest that 13 out of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relate directly to the Agency's area of competence. The Agency should strengthen its valuable contribution to the fulfilment of these Goals, particularly through its Technical Cooperation Programme, and its direct impact to the benefit of all people. Sufficient, assured and predictable funding to the Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF) is very important to meet the growing needs of member states.
- 6. Indonesia has benefited greatly from the Agency's Technical Cooperation Programme, and stands ready to continue working with the Agency, not only as a beneficiary, but also as a provider of technical cooperation for other members. The establishment of the IAEA Collaborating Centre at the National Nuclear Energy Agency of Indonesia is meant, among others, for this purpose.
- 7. In support of the TC Programme in the Asia Pacific region, Indonesia launched the Regional Capacity Building Initiative (RCBI). This initiative is aimed to promote resource mobilization and optimize the use of regional resources for capacity building. A pilot project has been initiated this year. Let me express, on behalf of the Indonesian Government, our sincere thanks to the support rendered by Member States as well as the Secretariat for the successful conduct of this initiative.

Mr. President,

8. Indonesia welcomes positive developments on nuclear applications, such as the modernization of the Agency's laboratories in Seibersdorf, where construction works have begun for the new Insect Pest Control Laboratory (IPCL) and Flexible Modular Laboratory (FML). Indonesia also welcomes the Agency's continuing assistance and support to member states through the provision of training, education, infrastructure development research and coordinated research activities. In this regard, Indonesia appreciates the work of the Friends of ReNuAL which has significantly contributed to the success of the modernization of the laboratories. Indonesia stands ready to continue working with this group and hopes that Member States, especially the developing countries, would further benefit from this work.

- 9. In 2015 Indonesia established 1 National Science and Technology Parks and 3 Agro Techno Parks to stimulate the advancement of science and technology, including mutation-breeding program, which has produced 22 rice varieties, 10 soy bean varieties, and other mutant crops, Indonesia is currently constructing a gamma irradiator facility, which is expected to operate at the early of 2018.
- 10. Indonesia hosted trainings and fellowships for other member States on mutation breeding, irradiated food programme for relief management agencies, and industrial applications. The National Nuclear Regulatory Agency of Indonesia will also take part in the Agency's efforts to provide mentoring to new member States in the area of radiation safety infrastructure.
- Mr. President,
- 11. This year also marks an important year for nuclear security. The Nuclear Security Summit last March, and the upcoming International Conference on Nuclear Security this December, are a testament of international commitment at the highest level to strengthen nuclear security.
- 12. Indonesia is furthering its efforts to develop and strengthen its nuclear security infrastructure, inter alia through important progress in fuel conversion from HEU to LEU, and the installation of radiation portal

monitors in Indonesia's main ports. Indonesia welcomes the entry into force of the 2005 Amendment to the Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM), and reiterates its commitment for the implementation of relevant international instruments on nuclear security.

- 13. While keeping its national progress on track, Indonesia strongly believes that in order to achieve effective security, nuclear security efforts must be pursued in a comprehensive manner, where disarmament, nonproliferation and peaceful uses are mutually reinforcing. It is the fundamental responsibility of States to maintain effective security of all nuclear material, and we call upon States to make sure that nuclear safety and security do not hamper the inalienable right of States to develop and use nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.
- 14. Indonesia supports the Agency's role in verifying the implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) between Iran and the E3/EU+3. Indonesia encourages all parties to faithfully implement this landmark Agreement, and reiterates its call for the international community to maintain a positive atmosphere for the implementation of the JCPOA.
- 15. Indonesia regrets that the Agency has not been able to implement any safeguards measures in the Demorcratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), and calls upon DPRK to cooperate promptly with the Agency in the full and effective implementation of its comprehensive safeguards.
- Mr. President,
- 16. Indonesia appreciates the Agency's continuing support to Indonesia's efforts in the development of its nuclear energy programme, and human resource capacity building including in the development of non-commercial power reactor. The support covers planning and economic study, infrastructure, nuclear power, fuel cycle and waste, advanced reactor technology including small and medium sized reactor, non-

electric application, and innovative approach to nuclear energy system. The Site and External Events Design (SEED) Mission conducted throughout 2015 – 2016 is beneficial to address the regulatory aspect of the non commercial power reactor project.

- 17. Indonesia noted the IAEA expert mission taking place in January 2016 in demonstrating and performing the dismantling and conditioning of disused sealed radioactive sources (DSRS) category 3-5 that has proven to be very useful in building capacity and confidence of Indonesia's experts. In August 2016, Indonesia hosted a hands-on training for regional fellows in this area.
- 18. Turning to management issues, I would like to thank the Director General and the Secretariat for their efforts in increasing more representation of under-represented countries in the recruitment of Agency staff, especially at professional and managerial levels. I would like to appeal to them to continue this effort as a matter of priority, as well as to ensure gender balance in the Agency's personnel and programmes.
- 19. To conclude, my delegation wishes to reiterate Indonesia's commitment and readiness to support and strengthen the work of the Agency in carrying out its mandate: to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world.

Thank you very much.