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Distinguished Delegates,

Good afternoon

Thank you Chair and Co-Chair,

1. Malaysian delegation would like to congratulate the Chair of the Ministerial Segment and his team for the success in convening this Ministerial Conference. My delegation also would like to congratulate **Ambassador Rafael Mariano Grossi** on the election as the new Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and wishes him every success. Malaysia will lend its full support to the new Director General in his efforts to fulfil his essential missions at the IAEA.

2. Malaysia fully recognizes the central role of nuclear security implementation within Member States. Malaysia agrees that such Ministerial Level Conference should be undertaken by the IAEA to further strengthen national nuclear security regimes as well as international cooperation in strengthening nuclear security globally. Malaysia continuously promotes the implementation of nuclear security within the Member States to be in line with the IAEA Nuclear Security Plans (NSP). Promotions of NSP with national implementation through Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) will enhance harmonisation and increase transparency in nuclear security implementation among Member States.

Capacity Building Program for Nuclear Security

3. In building capacity for nuclear security, Malaysia recognizes the need to institutionalise nuclear security through instilling efforts and initiatives holistically at national level while creating and retaining knowledge and expertise through establishing Nuclear Security Support Centre (NSSC) by the IAEA. Malaysia is proud to be recognised as NSSC with regional capacity in sharing nuclear security experiences focusing on detection activities since 2012. Malaysia has made steps to enhance NSSC with stronger technical capabilities in maintaining and acceptance testing of detection equipment and development of hands-on physical protection training through the establishment of nuclear security detection and physical protection laboratory with the generous support of Japanese, European Commission and Canadian funding to the IAEA Nuclear Security Funds (NSF). Learning from such benefit, Malaysia encourage more of such generosity from donor countries to be provided through NSF.

Enhancing Regional Cooperation

4. Malaysia hosted tri-lateral exercise with Indonesia and the Philippines through the cooperation of IAEA and the Global Initiatives to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT), in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah in 2018, and produced training video supported by the IAEA. The video is expected to help other Member States in developing relevant procedures in addressing nuclear security threats at maritime borders involving multiple law enforcements. This exercise is part of our commitment to continuously enhance and promote regional capability, particularly through ASEAN Network of Regulatory Bodies on Atomic Energy (ASEANTOM) in South East Asian countries.

Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM)

5. Malaysia believes the commitments to international obligations Convention such as the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) and its amendment only tangible when the national instruments are in place.

Conclusion

6. In conclusion, Malaysia notes the equal importance of safety and safeguards, therefore Malaysia recommends for more practical efforts from IAEA to promote the synergies between nuclear security, safety and safeguards. This will facilitate the Member States to promote better resource management and optimisation to enhance efficiency for both safety and security implementation.

Thank you.