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COUNTRY STATEMENT TO THE 64th REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY 21st – 25th SEPTEMBER 2020, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Mr. President,

Director General, IAEA

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Government of United Republic of Tanzania and my delegation, I would like to congratulate you Mr. President on your election to the Presidency of the sixty fourth regular Sessions of the IAEA's General Conference. I would also like to congratulate all other Members elected to the bureau.

Mr. President

The United Republic of Tanzania wishes to congratulate **Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi** having appointed as the sixth Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and for the decision to continue working even during COVID-19 pandemic. URT assures him the support and cooperation with the Agency in implementing its mandates.

Mr. President

URT is confident that the Agency will continue with the effort towards achieving its developmental objectives in the areas of health, food, energy

and nuclear security, among many others and support appropriate strategies and programmes for the advancement of peaceful applications of nuclear technology and indeed the control of, if not the total ban of nuclear weapons proliferation.

Mr. President

The United Republic of Tanzania would like to thank the IAEA and the countries that contributed to the Emergency support of the diagnostic kits for the rapid detection of COVID-19. This will be of great importance in the fight against COVID-19. The use of the equipment which has arrived in the Country will improve surveillance and control of the spread of the COVID-19 country wide.

Mr. President

I treasure the long standing commitment of the IAEA for the Technical Corporation with my country in delivering nuclear technology. The relevance of Nuclear Technology to development of our country particularly the applications of nuclear techniques in the fields of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Health, Water Resource Management, Mining, Industries and Energy is very clear and it is highly stimulating the economic activities. URT therefore affirms its commitment to Technical Cooperation in various ways including the peaceful nuclear application projects.

Mr. President

My delegation is pleased to note this year's Scientific Forum theme "*Nuclear Power and the Clean Energy Transition*". The United Republic of Tanzania recognizes and appreciates the importance of Clean Energy and the need for combating climate change while ensuring sustainable economic development. Future energy systems will need to generate far greater amounts of electricity without emitting greenhouse gases. As such, the Government of Tanzania acknowledges the effort made by the Agency to promote the use of nuclear energy due to its great deal to contribute as part of clean, resilient, inclusive energy systems, which are of course indis-

pensable drivers of economic development, especially at this hard time of pandemic in the world.

Mr. President

Tanzania is very supportive of the AFRA programme and believes that the efforts to strengthen peaceful uses of nuclear technology applications will be enhanced. We are grateful to member states that are providing extra-budgetary funding to ensure the success of these programmes.

Mr. President,

I wish to conclude my statement by reaffirming my Government's commitment in meeting its obligations and maximizing its support to the Agency for achieving its mandates.

Mr. President, I thank you.