

Statement by
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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Mr. Deputy Director General,

1. Congratulations, Mr. President, on your assumption as the President of the Conference. Please rest assured of my delegation's full support and cooperation.

Mr. President,

2. This year, the Conference is held under the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19. The pandemic challenges require our solidarity, empathy and flexibility. Thailand commends the IAEA for their professionalism and efforts to carry out its mandates despite restrictions and difficulties.

3. We appreciate the IAEA's initiative to help Member States by assisting hundreds of laboratories around the world with a nuclear-derived testing technique, real time reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction (**real time RT-PCR**), to detect the virus. Thailand is one country that received the COVID-19 XFM Mobile DR **X-ray machine and toolkits** for our fight against COVID-19. Our thanks also go the donor countries. These dedication and efforts are testament to the Agency's central role in bringing the nuclear technology and application to the peaceful benefits of the people. Thailand supports the Director General's Zodiac initiative and look forward to exploring further cooperation with the Agency under this project.

Mr. President,

4. Thailand takes note of recent developments in Iran. We appreciate the efforts of the Director General and his team to ensure that safeguards obligations are observed. We call upon Iran and the Agency to continue working together with a view to facilitate the Agency's verification mandates in the country. On the JCPOA, Thailand supports the efforts to preserve the Agreement and urges all parties concerned to fully implement their obligations in good faith.

5. On the DPRK, Thailand wishes to see the DPRK comply fully with its obligations under relevant UN Security Council resolutions. We appreciate the IAEA's continued efforts to monitor the DPRK's nuclear programme and the Agency's readiness to resume its mandate on verification once diplomacy prevails and political environment permits.

Mr. President,

6. Fifty years of the NPT, global non-proliferation regime is still facing even more complicated challenges. We wish to see the constructive deliberations on all pillars at the upcoming Review Conference with a view to promote the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to advance our commitments towards the general and complete disarmament. In this regard, we look forward to the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) as we believe that the NPT and the TPNW are essential part of the global regime for non-proliferation and disarmament that could work in tandem towards the world free of nuclear weapons.

Mr. President,

7. Thailand realises the immense potential of nuclear technology for peaceful use. On our part, Thailand earns considerable benefits from workshops, activities and conferences organised under Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), including those under the Regional Cooperative Agreement (RCA). We congratulate Malaysia, the RCA Chair, for conducting the RCA activities in professional manner despite the challenges from COVID-19.

Mr. President,

8. In closing, Thailand wishes to reaffirm our commitment to the obligations in the IAEA framework and stands ready to work closely and constructively with the Agency in all aspects.

Thank you.
