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**STATEMENT**

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Chairperson,  
Distinguished Director-General,  
Your Excellencies,  
Respected Delegates,

On behalf of the delegation of the Republic of Serbia, I would like to congratulate all my colleagues who have been elected to lead this General Conference, and convey my strong belief in your ability to steer it towards its successful completion. I would also like to add that the Republic of Serbia fully agrees with and offers its comprehensive support of the aims and work of the Agency.

First of all, on behalf of the Republic of Serbia, I would like to emphasize that the Republic of Serbia remains in every respect committed to the IAEA's fundamental principles of safe and secure use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, as well as to the universal goals of upholding the international peace, security and development. Accordingly, the Republic of Serbia will persevere in its constructive cooperation in all IAEA's programmes and efforts in reinforcing the nuclear safeguards, in line with the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and to ensure complete adherence to and compliance with the universal principles of non-

proliferation regime. The Republic of Serbia, thus, remains committed to combating nuclear terrorism. Hence, I would like to affirm the unwavering collaboration of the Republic of Serbia with the international community in implementing the measures to deter illicit trafficking of nuclear material and other radiation sources, especially by strengthening their proper physical protection and enabling retrieval of orphan sources under regulatory control.

Chairperson,

The Republic of Serbia remains on the course of steady development of its legislative and regulatory framework in the field of radiation and nuclear safety and security, in line with the international standards and the European Union *acquis*. Therefore, it is needless to say that the Republic of Serbia will continue to support the IAEA's vigorous attempts at enhancing the international standards and relevant international legal documents.

The public health care and the environmental protection, as well as the peaceful use of nuclear energy and technologies in support of global peace and prosperity of future generations are the cornerstones of my country's policy. In this regard, the Republic of Serbia will continue to attend to its obligations arising from the relevant international conventions, including the implementation of the Code of Conduct on

the safety and security of radiation sources, as a legally non-binding instrument, as well as the Guidance on the import and export of radioactive sources and the one on the management of disused sealed radioactive sources, especially bearing in mind the relevance the IAEA attaches to these documents in terms of the safety and security of radiation sources in general.

The Republic of Serbia expresses its utmost gratitude on the Agency's support and assistance and deems the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme as one of the pivotal elements in promoting international cooperation, capacity building and enabling our country to initiate several national, regional and interregional projects whose successful completion and realization in the end will be the result continuous support and collaboration.

Chairperson,

In closing my statement, I would also like to express the Republic of Serbia's firm and complete support of the IAEA Annual Report for 2022, as well as the programmes and the budget for 2024.