

Madam Chair,

The Delegation of Turkmenistan would like to join the previous speakers in congratulating you and your team with the chairmanship at the 67th session of the IAEA General Conference.

We believe that, under your leadership and with the support of all delegations, objectives of the General Conference will be successfully accomplished.

Our Delegation also congratulates DG Rafael Grossi on his reappointment as the IAEA Director General for the next 4 years. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to His Excellency for his constructive efforts in strengthening cooperation between Turkmenistan and the IAEA. We trust that upcoming period will also be highly productive as we continue to work on our shared goals in various areas of interest.

Distinguished Chair, dear delegates,

It is significant to note that from the very beginning of its Independency, Turkmenistan has supported global non-proliferation and disarmament processes and since then our country has joined a number of main international legal instruments in this area, including the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

And here I would like to mention that the initial stage of cooperation with the IAEA has mainly been conducted within the NPT – by signing the Agreement for the application of safeguards and its Additional Protocol.

Subsequently, constructive work has been carried out with the IAEA Safeguards Department, and we are confident that gained positive experience will allow us to fulfil our further mutual commitments in this sphere.

It is pertinent to emphasize that Turkmenistan is strongly committed to complying with international nuclear safety and security standards. Our experts actively attend meetings, trainings conducted by the Department of Nuclear safety and security, and correspondingly, our national norms are periodically updated in accordance with requirements.

In this connection I would like to inform that we have held several discussions on the provisions of the relevant international conventions which are under the auspice of the IAEA, and on the bases of which we are now on course to joining several international conventions related to the nuclear safety and security.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Despite our relatively recent membership in the IAEA since 2016, Turkmenistan has actively engaged with the Agency's Departments.

Together with the TC, we have undertaken projects in radiotherapy, waste management, dosimetry, calibration services, and the development of a national regulatory infrastructure. We are also in the process of developing our first Country Programme Framework, which we hope to complete in the coming months.

Dear participants,

Food security, water management, environmental protection, agriculture, and healthcare are key areas to put efforts for further active interaction. It is important to note that nuclear science, technology, and innovations have demonstrated remarkable achievements in these domains. Therefore, we are eager to develop our potential with the Nuclear Sciences and Applications Department.

We also value the IAEA's efforts on equal representation in the Agency's Secretariat and taking this opportunity would like to express our appreciation to the Departments of the Agency for active cooperation.

Thank you.