



**Statement of the Federal Democratic Republic of
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Dear President, Mr Ham sangwook

Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi,

Distinguished Guests and Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mr. President

Let me start by congratulating you, Mr Ham sangwook and your country South Korea for having been elected as President of the 68th Regular Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA.

I would also like to thank Madam Vilawan Mangklatanakul, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand for a successful presidency of the 67th Session of the General Conference.

Mr. President

The Ethiopian delegation wish to express our deep appreciation for the IAEA Director General DG Grossi for his progressive work in the promotion of the peaceful uses of nuclear science and Technology

applications and for the initiatives made through his leadership : the Rays of Hope, ZODIAC ,NUTEC and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship Program in which my country has been benefited towards infrastructure and human resource development .we are also excited on the newly coming initiative called “Atom 4 food” which intended to help countries to boost food security and to tackle growing hunger. I would also like to assure that my country will fully cooperate and support towards its implementation in making a ground-breaking solutions tailored to country specific needs and circumstances by harnessing the advantages of nuclear techniques along with other advanced technologies.

Mr. President.

The application of nuclear science and technology has increased in many sectors in types and sizes and currently My Government is committed for advancing Nuclear Science and Technology for development including exploring the potential of nuclear power for electricity generation, and Center for Nuclear Science and Technology (CNST) through establishing an institute to sustainably manage the sector and substantive measures are underway in this regard. The support from the IAEA played the key role to enhance Ethiopia’s capacities in the peaceful application of nuclear science and technology and Ethiopia aims to strengthen the technical cooperation

with the agency in receiving technical assistance for the application of nuclear science and technology and in actualizing the aspirations of the National nuclear program.

Mr. President.

Ethiopia has signed the 5th Country Program Framework (CPF) for the period from 2024 - 2028 for the Technical Cooperation with the Agency, ensuring the continued technical cooperation, in the area of its vital economic sector such as Agriculture, Health, Industry, Energy and Human Capital development.

Upon our request, the imPACT Review was conducted from September 2023 to April 2024. We have received the report and it becomes instrumental on our activities towards the National Cancer Control Plan. As per the proposal from the Agency, and Ethiopia having 120 million people, we are planning to expand more radiotherapy centers in collaboration with the Agency under the leadership of Excellency Raphael Grossi. We hence seek for the continued support of the Agency in tackling the cancer burden through fully equipping the designated cancer treatment centers and opening more centers so that we will be able to tackle the cancer burden which is already taking its toll as many people are getting affected.

Mr. President.

In the idea of uplifting the technical collaboration and to create a vital platform for exchanging ideas and best practices, fostering new collaborations, and building partnerships among the IAEA, the African Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology (AFRA) and member states and state parties. We have made substantial measures in hosting the 2023 NLO and AFRA annual meeting in March 2023; and the 35th AFRA – TWGM in June 2024 at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in addition. It is my great pleasure to inform you that Ethiopia is assuming the chairmanship of AFRA for one year effective from 19 September 2024.

The Government has been demonstrating its commitment towards making the technical cooperation program a continued success in the country, by also providing the necessary legal and regulatory infrastructure and logistics. Ethiopian Technology Authority (ETA) has fully implementing the regulatory control system (Notification, Authorization, Inspection and Enforcement) to systematically control radiation sources and practices.

Mr. President.

I am thankful for the cooperation's so far and let me use this opportunity to reaffirm strong commitment of my government in collaborating and promoting technical cooperation with the Agency.

Finally, I would like to thank the IAEA for the long and enduring cooperation with my country and reassure to you our strong commitment to the Agency's mandates and its long-standing position for 'atoms for peace and development'.

Thank you.