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**Mr. President,**  
**Distinguished delegates,**

**Introduction**

1. My delegation congratulates His Excellency Mr. HAM Sang Wook for being elected as the President of the 68th Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference. Please be assured of our support and cooperation.
  
2. Malaysia appreciates the efforts and achievements of the Agency in promoting transparency, efficiency and accountability in fulfilling its mandated role. We reiterate our support for the effective functioning of the Agency through timely and full financial contributions.

**Mr. President,**

**Safeguards, Nuclear Disarmament & Non-Proliferation**

3. Malaysia reaffirms the NPT as the cornerstone of global non-proliferation regime. Malaysia further reaffirms the TPNW as a vital instrument to advancing nuclear disarmament. Malaysia recognizes the IAEA's sole authority in verifying NPT safeguards and expresses full confidence in its impartiality and professionalism.
4. Malaysia reiterates its support for the restoration and full implementation of the JCPOA, and we call on the relevant parties to engage in sustained dialogue and diplomacy to this end.
5. Malaysia is gravely concerned over the situation in the Korean Peninsula. We condemn the significant increase in the DPRK's nuclear and ballistic missile programme. We urge the concerned parties to resume dialogue to achieve the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.
6. Malaysia emphasizes the importance of negative security

assurances by Nuclear-Weapon States to non-Nuclear-Weapon States, within established Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones, including Southeast Asia. Malaysia is prepared to engage with all Nuclear-Weapon States to resolve outstanding issues in line with the SEANWFZ Treaty. We also reaffirm our support on the efforts to establish a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East.

**Mr. President,**

### **Nuclear Safety**

7. Malaysia appreciates the IAEA's support in building necessary capacities, to ensure the safe, secure, and sustainable of nuclear installations. As part of our commitment to enhancing reactor safety, we look forward to the INSARR Mission in 2025. Additionally, we remain committed to hosting the PGEC by extending our Practical Arrangements, with the IAEA for another term.
  
8. Malaysia remains deeply concerned about the situation at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant and reiterates the need to ensure the safety and security of Ukraine's nuclear sites to prevent any nuclear disaster in the region.

## **Nuclear Security**

9. Malaysia through the National Nuclear Security Support Centre continues to share its experience and enhance capabilities in nuclear security. This year, Malaysia has shared best practices in nuclear security detection with Djibouti and Zimbabwe. We welcome the utilization of this facility for member states to explore collaborative opportunities and strengthen network cooperation.
  
10. Malaysia is honoured to lead ASEAN as its Chair in 2025. We are committed to revitalizing ASEAN-led initiatives and achieving important milestones to advance regional and global cooperation. Through the Partnership Agreement of Radiation Detection Equipment, we appreciate the opportunity to utilize this equipment for security screening at major public events during our ASEAN chairmanship.
  
11. As Malaysia also chairs ASEANTOM in 2025, we will organize a multilateral maritime exercise with ASEAN countries, to enhance nuclear security detection and regional coordination. We appreciate the IAEA's support through the INSSP for this initiative.

12. Malaysia commends the IAEA for the successful of ICONS this year. This conference has significantly advanced our collective understanding and response to nuclear security challenges.

**Mr. President,**

### **Technical Cooperation**

13. Malaysia reaffirms its strong support for the TC Programme, and actively working with the Agency to align our new CPF with the national policies and priorities, particularly National Nuclear Technology Policy.

14. Looking ahead, we look forward to the Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science, Technology, and Applications, and the TC Programme this November. This conference presents a key opportunity to discuss on advancements and strengthen our commitment to nuclear science and technical cooperation.

15. Recognizing the vital role of education and knowledge sharing, Malaysia is honored to chair the INSTA and will host the INSO next year, to reflect our commitment to nurturing young talent. We also look forward for an EduTA

mission, which will help to enhance our national education and training frameworks.

## **Nuclear Science, Technology and Applications**

16. Malaysia remains committed to supporting the ongoing activities under IAEA initiatives particularly NUTEC Plastics, ZODIAC, and Rays of Hope. We are also prepared to actively contribute to the Atoms4Food initiative, by leveraging expertise and sharing our achievements as the ICC, at this year's Scientific Forum.

## **Conclusion**

**Mr. President,**

17. In concluding, Malaysia appreciates the Agency's vital support and transparency in facilitating Member States' development goals, through nuclear technology. We reaffirm our commitment to strengthening collaboration with the Agency, Member States, and partners for sustainable socio-economic advancement.

**Thank you.**