

**STATEMENT**  
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*Mr. President,*

*Distinguished Delegates,*

On behalf of the Delegation of Viet Nam, I extend our warmest congratulations on your election as President of the Sixty-eighth Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference. We are confident that, under your experienced and distinguished leadership, this General Conference will achieve significant success.

Viet Nam deeply appreciates the tremendous efforts and remarkable achievements of the Agency in promoting the peaceful use of nuclear energy and ensuring global safety and security.

*Mr. President,*

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Viet Nam reaffirms its commitment to the peaceful application of nuclear technology for sustainable development, particularly in addressing global challenges through IAEA initiatives such as the Zoonotic Disease Integrated Action (ZODIAC), Nuclear Technology for Controlling Plastic Pollution (NUTEC Plastic), Atoms for Food, and Rays of Hope. We are dedicated to cooperating with the Agency in implementing these initiatives.

On the national front, we are grateful to the IAEA for its cooperation and support through technical cooperation projects. This support is vital for Viet Nam's new research reactor project and for advancing nuclear energy applications across various sectors, including healthcare, agriculture, industry, research, environmental protection, water resource management, climate change response, and radiation and

nuclear safety infrastructure. For the 2024-2025 cycle, in addition to implementing seven (07) national technical cooperation projects, extrabudgetary funds have been allocated to support Viet Nam's efforts in mutation breeding. Viet Nam also participates in numerous regional and inter-regional projects. For the 2026-2027 cycle, five (05) national projects have been selected for detailed design development, and Viet Nam is actively participating in designing new regional and inter-regional projects.

Under the Technical Cooperation Programme, Viet Nam has made efforts to implement Practical Arrangements for Triangular Cooperation with Cambodia, Lao PDR, and IAEA. These efforts leverage Viet Nam's contributions and resources to support the IAEA's Technical Cooperation Programme and promote greater technical cooperation among developing countries. We are pleased with the significant achievements this year under these extended Practical Arrangements.

In the area of nuclear security, the IAEA continues to support Viet Nam in strengthening its capabilities. This includes the installation of Radiation Monitoring Portals (RPM) systems at international airports and the conduction of the International Nuclear Security Advisory Service (INSServ) Mission in Viet Nam in 2023. The review of the Integrated Nuclear Security Sustainability Plan (INSSP) has helped identify specific needs and future activities to support the detection, prevention, and response to unauthorized acts involving materials out of regulatory control (MORC). Over the past year, Viet Nam has made concerted efforts to accompany IAEA inspectors in conducting in-field safeguards activities and performing domestic safeguards. Viet Nam has consistently responded to the Agency's verification requests, reaffirming its commitment to the peaceful application of atomic energy through the implementation of the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement (CSA) and the Additional Protocol (AP).

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Viet Nam operates a nuclear research reactor in Da Lat, consistently adhering to IAEA safety standards. This reactor is crucial for scientific research, training skilled professionals, and producing essential radiopharmaceuticals for national and regional needs. We are currently implementing a project to establish a Research Center for Nuclear Science and Technology, featuring a 10 MW research reactor,

extendable to 15 MW. This project, now in the phase of site survey and evaluation as well as the development of the Feasibility Study report, aims to replace the 40-year-old Da Lat reactor, reinforcing Viet Nam's commitment to the peaceful application of atomic energy for socio-economic development. It also aims to maintain a high-quality workforce and significantly enhance Viet Nam's research and development capabilities in atomic energy. Viet Nam appreciates the Agency's support for this project through Technical Cooperation projects promoting the Reactor Safety Development Programme. We look forward to ongoing collaboration with the IAEA in consultations, human resource development, and more to ensure the project's success.

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In conclusion, Viet Nam expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to all IAEA staff for their dedication and efficient performance. We thank the Agency for its valuable cooperation and assistance. Under the mandate of the IAEA and the guidance of its Board of Governors, the Government of Vietnam fully supports the Agency in the peaceful application of nuclear technology for sustainable development.

Thank you for your kind attention.