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Chair,

The IAEA actively assists its Member States through some of the most challenging health emergencies. In response to the Ukrainian authorities' requests for assistance to resolve current challenges in providing safe cancer care, the IAEA is supporting Ukraine through its Rays of Hope initiative. Under this initiative, the IAEA is implementing a project to support the strengthening of radiation therapy and medical imaging in Ukraine including supporting specific institutions in Ukraine identified and prioritized by the Ukrainian Ministry of Health with equipment and human resource development.

The project further aims to develop a comprehensive, multidisciplinary virtual training programme for radiotherapy and medical imaging together with the establishment of an in-country, hands-on training facility to allow readily available theoretical and practical training of professionals in radiology, nuclear medicine and radiotherapy.

Since the start of the armed conflict, the IAEA has been closely monitoring the nuclear safety and security situation in Ukraine sharing objective and impartial information with the public and the international community. The IAEA continues to deliver technical support and assistance to Ukraine including in-field missions comprising also of continued presence of IAEA staff at five nuclear sites in Ukraine and delivery of nuclear safety and security related equipment. Last year, the IAEA announced two new programmes for assistance, the medical assistance programme and the assistance for the Kherson Oblast.

With the medical assistance programme announced last year, the IAEA supports Ukrainian nuclear power plants to help them provide necessary physical and mental health services and for periodic assessment of the fitness for duty of its personnel. The IAEA has initiated mental health programme through a number of workshops already conducted for mental health teams for each nuclear site. Assistance for the Kherson Oblast aims to help Ukraine manage the adverse impact associated with the flooding after the destruction of the Kakhovka dam.

IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi also continues to hold high-level talks to help stabilize the situation and to provide regular situation updates on the nuclear safety and security situation in Ukraine. I thank you Chair.