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Your Excellency Madame President,
Your Excellency Director General
Your Excellency Secretary
Your Excellency, Honorable Distinguished Delegation of the Member States
Ladies and Gentlemen

First and foremost, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, we would like to congratulate Her Excellency Madame MARIA ZENEIDA ANGARA COLLINSON of the Philippines on your elected as the president of the 61th IAEA General Conference Regular Session. We are really pleased and proud in joining other member states to applaud for your presidency to lead this remarkable general conference.

We thank also to His Excellency Mr. President the Ambassador Datuk Adnan Bin Othman of Malaysia, the President of the 60th General Conference for his great achievement during his term.

We express our sincerely congratulation to His Excellency Yukiya Amano for re-electing and appointed as the Director General of the IAEA for serving further four-years term. We believe that under his leadership IAEA will continue contributing to the world peace and development utilizing nuclear technology under the Atom for Peace context.

We would like to welcome aboard and the congratulate the new member state to the IAEA, Grenada. We wish them a success in this membership achievement.

Historically, Cambodia became a member of the IAEA in 1958; two years after IAEA was established. We maintained our membership until 2003 and regained our membership again in 2009. By the 1993 constitution and its subsequent amendments, Cambodia is absolutely prohibited from manufacturing, use and storage of nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons. Subsequently, there are many other laws are relevant relating to the control of activities involving nuclear and other radioactive materials. A comprehensive nuclear law, which covering safety, security, safeguards and civil liability is under preparation by the IAEA's Technical Cooperation project.

Currently, Cambodia's nuclear and radiation safety security and safeguards is managed by the competent institution Ministry of Mines and Energy, while the responsibility of the nuclear non-proliferation rests with the National Authority of Chemical Weapon. The counter terrorism issues which is also involved with the nuclear and radiation sources are responsible by the National Counter Terrorism Committee. There are also other lines ministries and agencies at the national level who are working with IAEA and other countries on many aspects ranging from legal, application of nuclear technology in health, industrial sector, agriculture as well as safety, security and safeguard of nuclear materials.

The Royal Government is fully committed to non-proliferation of the nuclear program and also takes part and to ensure nuclear safety, security and safeguards at national, regional level and throughout the world. Over the years, Cambodia is the party to many IAEA's

agreements; treaties; protocols and conventions. For instance, in 1972, Cambodia signed on Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone Treaty in 1997 and Cambodia has been a party to the Additional Protocol (AP) and Small Quantity Protocol for strengthening the country safeguards commitment. For those other IAEA's conventions, treaties that Cambodia is not yet a partner, we are under consideration and hope to do that in the future, such as the amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of the Nuclear Materials, the political commitment to the code of conduct and the guidance on import export of Nuclear Material and so on.

Madame President, Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen, Under the technical cooperation program, IAEA has assisted Cambodia in achieving our development goals. Since reinstated as a member state in 2009, Cambodia has successfully implemented the technical cooperation projects related the implementation of the peaceful use of nuclear technology in various sectors such as agriculture in soil fertility, crop management and livestock production. Through this program, it has helped to establish the National Cancer Center in enhancing better capabilities in cancer treatment and nuclear medicine. The technical program also has helped improving our water resources management. In particular, the program has provided an instrumental support in launching and the establishment of a future nuclear regulatory authority after the nuclear law will be promulgated in near future. In energy sector, though nuclear power plant we are not there yet, we strongly believe in building the soft infrastructure and that include necessary regulatory framework to build an institutional capacity and capacity building and human resource development and as well as to establish the safety and security regulations and standards. IAEA has also actively to support the Regulation and Legislation Infrastructure establishment. Moreover, the Agency has been generous in extending to us to offer opportunity for our staffs to train as inspector and the post-graduate program trainees. These individuals they are going to be great assets to Cambodia for future. For these cooperation, we are grateful and appreciative to the agency for support Cambodia timely. Moreover, during the Sixtieth First General Conference, Cambodia and IAEA has reached to another milestone on signing its second Country Program Framework for implementation over a period of 2017 to 2023 as well.

Once again, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, we are deeply grateful to Excellency Director General so much for the various cooperation extended and provided to Cambodia so far by the IAEA, and based on this perspective, we sincerely appeal for more cooperation programs in nuclear technology for peaceful purpose and development of Cambodia.

In conclusion, I would like to wish Excellency Mr. President, Excellency Director General, Distinguished Countries Representatives, Honorable Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen for good health, prosperous, and success.

Thank you.