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Mr. President,

1. On behalf of the Delegation of Malaysia, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Your Excellency, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Italy, Ambassador Filippo FORMICA on your election as the President of 59th Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference. We are confident that under your able stewardship, this Conference will yield tangible outcomes. We also like to extend our equally warmest congratulations to the members of the Bureau. Our sincere appreciation to the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka for excellently presiding in the last session. My Delegation also wishes to welcome Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados and Turkmenistan as the new Member States of the Agency.

2. Our appreciation to the IAEA Director General, Mr Yukiya Amano, for summarising the Agency's activities for the last year, in the 2014 IAEA Annual Report, as contained in document GC (59)/7. My Delegation acknowledges the comprehensive and informative statement by the Director General. We are confident that the Agency, under the leadership of the Director General, in continuously promoting the peaceful uses of nuclear sciences and technology, will benefit Member States.

3. Malaysia would also like to thank the IAEA Director General for the visit to Malaysia in January 2015. We appreciate the Director General for his sharing of experiences during the Executive Talk on Atoms for Peace: Nuclear Technology in the 21st Century, which emphasised the advantages of peaceful uses of nuclear sciences and technology to the Malaysian public.

4. Malaysia continues to view nuclear safety with utmost importance, through the implementation of the IAEA Nuclear Safety Action Plan. The Fukushima Daiichi accident in March 2011, demonstrated the need for continued vigilance in ensuring that nuclear safety remains a high priority. In this regard, My Delegation welcomes the Director General's Report on the Fukushima Daiichi Accident, along with the five technical volumes on this topic. This report provides, an assessment of the accident that is technically comprehensive, factual and balanced, addressing the causes and consequences as well as lessons learned. We hope that the Agency will continue to take a leading role in building on the findings of the report to shape a safer nuclear future. We appreciate the recognition by the Agency for inviting a Malaysian expert to contribute to the report.

5. Malaysia continues to support IAEA's effort in strengthening regional and global cooperation among TRIGA facilities toward the development of solutions for common issues and challenges. In this regard, My Delegation appreciates the assistance from the Agency on the Pre-Integrated Nuclear Safety Assessment of Research Reactor (Pre-INSARR) mission and the Integrated Safety Assessment of Research Reactors (INSARR) mission, conducted last year at our TRIGA PUSPATI Research Reactor (RTP).

Mr President,

6. Malaysia reiterates the importance of global efforts towards nuclear security and the commitment of Agency and Member States towards achieving global effective security that should be addressed together with nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regimes. Malaysia fully supports the IAEA's central role in enhancing and strengthening nuclear security through the IAEA Nuclear Security Plan 2014-2017. In this regard, Malaysia appreciates the support from the Agency in implementing the nuclear security activities under Malaysia's Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) to improve nuclear security capability in the country. Presently, Malaysia is establishing two laboratories, which are the Acceptance and Maintenance of Radiation Detection Equipment Laboratory and Physical Protection for Security of Radioactive Source Laboratory. In this connection, My Delegation would also like to thank the European Commission and Canada for the support.

7. Malaysia places great importance in promoting the nuclear security culture. Toward this end, Malaysia has both, organised and participated, in various human capital development programs related to nuclear security, both at the national and international levels. We look forward to the active participation in a fourth and final Nuclear Security Summit, which is planned to be held in March 2016 in Washington, USA. In this respect, My Delegation hopes that the Summit will reach consensus towards achieving tangible improvements in security of nuclear materials and stronger international institutions that support nuclear security.

8. Malaysia reiterates the importance of nuclear security in preventing the unauthorised use of nuclear material and nuclear technology and continues to ensure that all related activities on nuclear security comply with the international standards. As a regional Nuclear Security Support Centre (NSSC), Malaysia continues to cooperate with the IAEA in disseminating best practices and sharing of experiences with countries in the region. My Delegation also welcomes the cooperation and sharing of knowledge and experiences with other ASEAN Member Countries in detecting cross border smuggling of nuclear and radioactive materials. In this regard, Malaysia as the Chairman of the ASEAN Network of Regulatory Bodies on Atomic Energy (ASEANTOM) 2015 would like to thank the Agency and donor countries for their collaboration in convening the "Malaysia-Thailand Table Top and Field Exercise on Combating Illicit Trafficking of Nuclear and Other Radioactive Materials" in August 2015.

Mr. President,

9. Malaysia has always supported the IAEA Technical Cooperation (TC) Programme, through which we have been able to enjoy the benefits of peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology. In this regard, Malaysia reiterates that, as the main vehicle for the transfer of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, the IAEA TC Programme should continue to be formulated and implemented in accordance with the IAEA's Statute and the agreed guiding principles as contained in INFCIRC/267, as well as the decisions of IAEA policymaking organs.

10. My Delegation has always believed that Research and Development (R&D) and knowledge sharing is the key to successful and sustainable development of nuclear science and technology. In this regard, Malaysia

appreciates the IAEA's recognition on the IAEA Collaborative Centre in Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) in Malaysia. My Delegation also looking forward for the extension of the IAEA Collaborative Centre (ICC) in Radiation Processing of Natural Polymer and Nanomaterials for 2015-2018. We also appreciate the IAEA for recognising Malaysia, as a recipient of "FAO/IAEA Achievement Award" in plant mutation breeding during the last General Conference. The international award was conferred as recognition to Malaysia on its contribution in the field of plant mutation breeding in Malaysia and the Asia Pacific region.

11. Malaysia attaches great importance to projects being conducted under the Coordinated Research Activities (CRAs) to foster the exchange of scientific and technical information and exchange of scientists for peaceful uses of atomic energy among Member States. In this connection, Malaysia appreciates the Regional Cooperative Agreement (RCA) initiative in formulating the RCA Medium Term Strategy and Strategic Priorities 2018-2023, in support of the post-2015 development agenda. We acknowledge the recognition by the Agency for inviting Malaysian experts in the preparation of the document.

Mr President,

12. Malaysia recognises the central role of the Agency for establishing and promulgating effective safeguards and verification mechanisms for nuclear non-proliferation. Malaysia has always fulfilled its obligations under the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement to demonstrate our commitment in nuclear non-proliferation and as the confidence building measures. In this regard, we thank the Agency for the collaborative efforts in convening the Workshop on IAEA Additional Protocol Implementation and Training Course on Fundamentals of Domestic Inspections, which was held in Malaysia, on

May and August 2015, respectively. These events had enhanced our understanding and local capability in safeguards.

Finally, Mr. President,

13. Malaysia reaffirms its understanding that Article IV of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons vests States Parties the inalienable rights to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful uses purposed without discrimination. Malaysia further reaffirms its full confidence in the Agency as the sole authority for verification of the respective safeguards obligations of Member States, in discharging its duties and responsibilities in an impartial, effective and professional manner. Malaysia commends the Agency on the continued implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement and verification work relating to the Joint Plan of Action. Malaysia welcomes the Road-Map signed on 14 July 2015 between the Agency and Iran to address and find resolution on past and present outstanding issues regarding Iran's nuclear programme by the end of 2015.

14. Malaysia regrets that the 2015 NPT Review Conference was not able to reach any consensus. With regard to the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEANWFZ), My Delegation looks forward to the Nuclear-Weapon States acceding to the Protocol to the Treaty at the earliest opportunity.

I thank you Mr. President.