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1. The Secretariat has received a communication dated 12 April 2021 from the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the Agency.
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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and has the honor to set out the following concern and position of China on the Japan's nuclear waste water disposal:

I. The Fukushima nuclear accident is one of the most serious in world history. The leak of large amounts of radioactive materials has had profound impact on marine environment, food safety and human health. The disposal of contaminated waste water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant bears on global public interests and the immediate interests of neighboring countries. The issue should naturally handled in a prudent and appropriate manner with participation of all parties concerned to forestall further harm to marine environment, food safety and human health.

II. China had repeatedly expressed deep concerns at the IAEA Board of Governors Meetings, requesting that the Japanese Government should disclose relevant information in a prompt, accurate, open and transparent manner and should, in the first place, institute prior full consultations with neighboring countries and other stakeholders before making its decision prudently. And China believes that the IAEA should play a pivot role, throughout the process of the disposal of nuclear waste water, in an impartial, objective and science-based manner and in accordance with relevant international nuclear safety standards. China supports the IAEA in coordinating international efforts in this regard.

III. The international community has already raised doubts and expressed opposition to Japan's decision, reportedly to be made on 13 April 2021, on the discharge of nuclear waste water into the sea. China has, for its part, also expressed grave concern to the Japanese side through diplomatic channel, urging Japan to

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refrain from pushing for a unilateral decision before the safety of such an approach is affirmed on the basis of third party assessment.

IV. In this context, China wishes to request the IAEA to establish, without further delay, a technical work group including experts from China, ROK and other stake-holding countries to conduct third-party assessment on the disposal approaches of the nuclear waste water of the Fukushima nuclear power plant and undertake subsequent environmental monitoring activities in an impartial, objective and science-based manner and in accordance with relevant international safety standards.

It is the hope of the Chinese Permanent Mission that this note will be duly circulated as an INFCIRC document by the Secretariat.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

