



NAM Statement

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I have the honor to deliver the following statement on behalf of the Vienna Chapter of Non-Aligned Movement.

Madame President,

At the outset, I would like to thank you for giving me the floor and congratulate you on the appointment to the position of the President of Special Session of the General Conference of IAEA. We wish you to bring the ongoing special session to the successful completion and to this end, NAM stands ready to cooperate with you.

On behalf of the Movement, I would like to warmly congratulate Ambassador Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director General designate on his appointment and wish him success in his new position.

We would like also to thank and congratulate the Chair of Board of Governors, Ambassador Mikaela Kumlin Granit, for her able leadership and consistent efforts aimed at concluding the election process to the position of Director General of IAEA in time and in line with the mandate issued by the Board of Governors.

NAM would like to extend its gratitude to the Acting Director General, Mr. Cornel Feruta, for his skillful management of Agency since demise of Director General Amano and wish him success in his future endeavours.

Madame President,

NAM supports the central role of IAEA in developing the peaceful use of nuclear energy and transfer of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes to its Member States. I recall the position expressed in this regard in previous outcome documents adopted by the Summits of Heads of State and Government, including in Baku Final Outcome Document, where inter alia,



- NAM *expresses* its full confidence in the impartiality and professionalism of IAEA and *emphasizes* that the IAEA is the sole intergovernmental organization within UN system with the mandate and expertise to deal with the technical subjects of nuclear safety and security;
- NAM *stresses* the need for further development of application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes in developing countries, which contributes to the attainment of their respective national sustainable development goals;
- The Movement *expresses* its deep concern over the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapon and *reaffirms* its principled position on nuclear disarmament, which remains its highest priority;

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At the end, we once again express our full confidence in impartiality and professionalism of IAEA under the leadership of Ambassador Rafael Grossi and are looking forward to the substantive cooperation with the Agency, including its technical co-operation program.

Thank you.