

**STATEMENT BY THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
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**Mr. President;**

**Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency;**

**Excellencies;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

At the very outset, allow me Mr President to extend to you and to the General Conference congratulations from H.E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania (URT) on the IAEA's 50th Anniversary and wish you a successful and fruitful conference. I also wish to thank you, Mr President for affording me this rare opportunity to address this assembly of very distinguished delegates of Member States on the occasion of the 51<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference. I indeed feel very privileged and honored.

On behalf of the Delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, I join hands with other previous speakers in congratulating you for your election by acclamation to the Presidency of the Conference. I commend you for the trust bestowed on you by this assembly and I have no doubt that, under your able leadership, the conference will successfully conclude its business. May I also take this opportunity to congratulate the other distinguished delegates who have been elected to the Bureau. The Tanzania Delegation assures you all of its unwavering support in ensuring the success of this conference.

**Mr President,**

I wish also to commend the Director General, Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, for his lead statement, which not only adequately provides information on the successes and challenges of the Agency (IAEA) but also gives guidance on the work to be done in this session. My delegation also commends and expresses gratitude to the IAEA's Secretariat for its excellent work, and in particular the organization of this conference which has enabled the participation of almost all Member States through the delegates assembled here at this conference.

Further to this Mr President, I would like to congratulate Burundi, Bahrain, the Republic of Congo, Cape Verde, and Nepal for being accepted into the IAEA family. Tanzania welcomes these new Member States to the Agency and wishes that their joining goes a long way to strengthen the strategic partnership for the peaceful and safe utilization of atomic energy and nuclear technology for a rewarding alliance in socio-economic development.

I would also like to register my delegation's appreciation for the message of the UN Secretary General, Dr Ban Ki-moon delivered on his behalf by Mr Duarte. The warm message has provided to this conference very valuable guidance for our cooperative undertakings and will go a long way to contribute positively to the consolidation of the business of the Agency, particularly in building assurances for the peaceful, safe and secure utilization of atomic energy and nuclear technology.

**Mr President,**

Before I proceed further with my statement, allow me to thank the IAEA for the Technical Cooperation Programme and Projects from which my country benefits immensely. The benefits of tsetse eradication in Zanzibar; improved cancer care; appropriate radiation protection, radiation and waste safety infrastructure; enhanced water resources management through the use of isotopes; and now the building of energy

planning capabilities for sustainable development, are only a few of the benefits that are still fresh in the minds of our people. This has been the result of a responsive Agency Secretariat through a very warm and cordial relationship which has been built between the Agency and my country. I appeal that this cooperation be continued; and as much as possible be strengthened. Tanzania, like many other Least Developed Countries (LDCs), particularly those in Africa, badly and urgently need such cooperation and support through Technical Cooperation for the acquisition, adoption, adaptation and application of the appropriate nuclear technologies in order to catalyze socio-economic development and reduce the abject poverty of our people.

More specifically, **Mr President**, I wish to express acknowledgement and appreciation for my country's inclusion in the pilot project of the Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy, (PACT). The start of PACT activities in my country, have signaled very high relief coming to the people of the URT who have, for a long time, suffered the "silent crisis" of cancer treatment. In this crisis, the URT has a major deficit in equipment and expertise for the management of cancer which prevents the implementation of an effective cancer management regime that has all the components of prevention, diagnosis, treatment and palliative care.

In this regard therefore the URT is highly appreciative that several consultative meetings between our experts and those of the Agency (IAEA) and PACT Partners have been held to formulate a National Cancer Control and Management Programme; and that activities to support the cancer treatment activities have been initiated. Already the Ocean Road Cancer Institute has been provided with two Cobalt Units through IAEA Technical Cooperation and the PACT Programme; and that a second treatment centre is planned for the lake Zone at the Bugando Medical Centre in which the preparation through training, of appropriate human capital has started. Indeed, we thank the IAEA and its partners for this initiative; we appeal for the acceleration of the pilot PACT so that it can be extended to other needy Member States.

**Mr President,**

In view of the recent energy crisis faced by the URT due to draught which impacted very adversely on its power supply whose production is largely depended on Hydropower, the URT is watching keenly on the progression of the current nuclear power renaissance. Further to this the on-going international efforts towards cooperative assured nuclear fuel supply for enhanced security is viewed as a positive development by my country. My country is appreciative that the IAEA is implementing the project on Sustainable Energy Development in Sub-Saharan Africa. The project aims to establish and implement a human resources development programme in the field of energy planning; to build capacity for conducting country-specific studies on sustainable energy development; to facilitate comparative assessment studies of electricity supply options under interconnected grids and related sustainable energy strategies; to strengthen integration at national level among the energy bodies and the national development organs; and to enhance regional cooperation and networking for energy planning. If these objectives are attained, then participating countries to this project will have been empowered to make their own decision on whether it is appropriate and how to integrate nuclear power into their energy mixes. My country appeals for continued support of this thematic field.

**Mr President,**

The United Republic of Tanzania is participating in the African Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology, (AFRA). In this regard, I wish to gratefully acknowledge the strong and generous support which the IAEA is extending to AFRA, particularly as a Secretariat and supporter of the programme of activities. My country supports the re-organization being made in the IAEA Secretariat, particularly in the relevant Division, in order to efficiently support AFRA to implement its programmes and projects in a more cooperative, just and transparent manner and with increased resources.

The bulk of the funding of AFRA programme projects comes from the IAEA; and that a significant portion of the rest comes from Member States with a kind heart to AFRA. My country gratefully appreciates this funding and support from the IAEA which has been in the forefront to drum up support for increased funding of AFRA projects; and the Members States who are well wishers of AFRA. My delegation appeals to the Member States who are friends of AFRA to come forward and support the grouping in the interests of piece and socio-economic development.

**Mr President,**

I wish also to put on record our profound appreciation for the assistance being rendered to Tanzania and Africa in general in the area of tsetse eradication. The assistance has enabled Tanzania, for example, to fly proof its tsetse mass rearing facility at the Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Research Institute (TTRI), Tanga thus preventing a spillage hazard. The Centre has been strengthened and can now efficiently rear various tsetse fly species such as: *Glossina pallidipes*, *G. morsitans centralis*, *G. austeni* and *G. brevipalpis*. My country is eagerly awaiting further assistance from the IAEA to implement a national workshop on grid based sampling systems which will give Tanzania and Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Campaign (PATTEC) Countries a better capability for the formulation of projects in Tanzania and other countries in Africa. In this regard, therefore, my country appeals for the continued cooperation and support in the implementation of the National Tsetse Eradication Strategy and the PATTEC programme.

In an effort to improve dairy farming by artificial insemination, cold chain is important. My country is most grateful to the IAEA which has enabled our National Artificial Immunization Centre in Arusha to acquire a brand new Liquid Nitrogen plant which can produce up to 10 lts/hr. of that product.

**Mr President,**

It is however highly regrettable that the disbursement of the Technical Cooperation Fund, (TCF) has always had problems and that due to inadequate contribution inflows, the TCF has not always been timely. In view of the aforesaid, the programme delivery has not been as efficient and effective as desired. In this regard my country continues to honor its obligations to the TCF by pledging and paying timely its respective dues.

**Mr President,**

In the area of industrial applications of nuclear technology, Tanzania has received technical assistance with the aim of strengthening Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) infrastructure and capacity. Consolidation of the capacity gained in human resource development leading to international accreditation and strengthening institutional quality management systems will provide a significant contribution to the poverty reduction programme. It is expected that the country will develop a national programme for the qualification and certification of personnel in this area. There is also a need to build capability to use nuclear techniques for controlling quality of industrial processes and troubleshooting and optimizing industrial processes. My country is appreciative of the support from the IAEA provided in these areas and appeals for continued support with the aim of achieving objectives already set which will increase output and impact in the poverty reduction programme.

**Mr President,**

The United Republic of Tanzania recognizes the growing concern for nuclear weapon proliferation and the global nuclear terrorism threat that we all face. Further to this, my country also gratefully appreciates the efforts being made by the international community to meet these challenges in a more comprehensive way, particularly through treaties, conventions and agreements globally and regionally.

As such, my delegation calls upon all Member States to stand together through the UN and IAEA in meeting these challenges. The international community must however face these challenges without losing their focus on support to poverty reduction efforts in developing countries nor marginalizing Technical Cooperation activities for the beneficial uses of nuclear technology. My country, as a peace loving Member State of the IAEA, will do its best to meet her obligations for the non-nuclear weapon proliferation regime in a non discriminatory way.

In this regard, the URT considers the strengthening of the IAEA safeguards systems and the additional protocol to be vital instruments for reinforcing the Treaty of Non-Proliferation. My country will do everything possible to meet its obligations to these instruments; and continue to cooperate with the IAEA in order to ensure that all the outstanding conventions and treaties or agreements are concluded soonest.

**Mr President,**

I wish to conclude my Statement by reaffirming my Government's commitment in meeting its obligations and maximizing its support for the Agency in achieving its mandated objectives.

**Mr President,**

I thank you for your very kind attention.