



Republic of Angola

**STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE  
JOÃO BAPTISTA BORGES, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND WATER, AT THE 60TH  
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**Mr. President, Dato' Adnan Othman;  
Mr. Director General, Yukiya Amano;  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.**

It is a great honour and privilege to address the 60<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on behalf of the government of the Republic of Angola.

**Mr. President,**

Allow me, at the outset, to offer my heartfelt congratulations for your election to preside the 60<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference. Mr President, you have our continued and unwavering support and cooperation and I am sure that under your leadership this important conference will be a resounding success.

I extend my congratulations to **His Excellency, Ambassador Filippo Formica**, outgoing Chairman of the 59<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference and the Secretariat of the Agency, for the work done since the last Regular Session of the General Conference.

I would also welcome the Director General of the IAEA, Mr. Yukiya

Amano, for the skilful, dedicated, transparent and coherent way by which he has conducted the Agency's affairs since undertaking this difficult but noble task.

I also take this opportunity to welcome **Gambia, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** as new member states of IAEA.

**Mr. President,**

Next year the IAEA will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary under the theme "*60 Years of IAEA - Atoms for Peace and Development*". The occasion will mark an important and significant moment in the Agency's history since its foundation, in July 1957, for the purpose of accelerating and enlarging the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world and ensuring that assistance provided under the Agency's supervision or control is used for peaceful purposes and in this sense Angola calls on all member states to respect the principles of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

**Mr. President,**

Angola has followed the successful implementation of the **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)**, or Vienna agreement on the Iranian nuclear dossier, signed in July 2015, and we join the international community in respect the transparency position adopted by Iran in the monitoring and verification process under the auspices of the IAEA, and we are convinced that it has laid the foundations for peace building in the Middle East.

**Mr. President,**

I would like to reiterate my appreciation for the continuous, valuable

and indispensable contribution that the Agency, through the Technical Co-operation Department, has been providing to the development and multifaceted bolstering of the use of nuclear technology in my country such as in the agriculture, health, veterinary and oils.

In the last days of August, the Government of Angola hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Cancer under the theme "**Prevention and Solutions against Cancer**", where delegates addressed subjects such as Cancer Epidemiology, Multidisciplinary Treatment in Oncology, Radiotherapy in Africa, Cancer and Oncology.

The conference was attended by national and international representatives and recommended among other measures, the disclosure and dissemination of prevention methods, hospital care and palliative care in communities, educational messages awareness for health promotion, the prevention of cancer and the training of specialists. To achieve these objects Angola counts on the technical assistance of IAEA.

**Mr. President,**

Angola appreciates the assistance that the International Atomic Energy Agency has provided over the years and would like to highlight some of the current initiatives at the national level, such as its support for feasibility studies on the use of sterilisation techniques in area-wide integrated pest management for control of tsetse flies, the application of nuclear and molecular techniques for diagnosis and control of transboundary animal diseases; support for the expansion of radiotherapy services; enhancing national capabilities for improving human nutrition and health, enhancing the use of isotope hydrology in planning, management and development of water resources, the

creation of an isotope hydrology laboratory and the management of naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM).

**Mr. President,**

Angola is fully committed to the Agency's ideals and objectives of Treaty, that's why has fulfilled its obligations and duties.

Angola also welcomes the fact that in 2015 the rate of the payments to the Technical Cooperation Fund has reached 94.1%, representing the best performance in the last five years. As on previous occasions, we would like to suggest that in the event of a Member State to lose the ability to pay its contributions as a result of situations or adverse events, it will not forfeit the right to benefit from the Agency's technical cooperation projects.

**Mr. President,**

We also wish to express our unequivocal support for the IAEA initiative to organise a second conference on nuclear safety in December: the "*International Conference on Nuclear Security: Commitment and Actions*", which in itself demonstrates the central role the IAEA has played in strengthening international efforts to prevent the misuse of nuclear and other radioactive materials in order to ensure a more effective and robust global nuclear security system.

**Mr. President,**

In closing, I would like to again reiterate the full commitment of the Republic of Angola, led by His Excellency José Eduardo dos Santos, to continue to cooperate with the International Atomic Energy Agency toward ensuring a future of peace, progress and well-being, in a world **of prosperity for all peoples on our planet.**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**