

# Statement by

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Madame President, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen.

- Madame President, at the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as
  the President of the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Conference and to all members of the Bureau. I
  believe that under your able leadership this Conference will achieve its objective.
  Kindly rest assured of my delegation's full support towards a successful conclusion
  of this Conference.
- 2. Indonesia welcomes the progress and achievements in the overarching activities of the Agency, which contribute positively to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world.
- 3. Nevertheless, the threat of nuclear weapons continues to exist as the gap between nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament efforts continues to widen. Under this situation, the adoption of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is a significant jumpstart to achieve general and complete disarmament as set out in Article VI of the NPT. Indonesia also believes that the Treaty strengthens the IAEA safeguards system based on the NPT. Indonesia looks forward to the early entry into force and universalization of the Treaty.
- 4. While noting with regret the recent setback of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Actions (JCPOA), Indonesia commends the Agency for its professional, impartial and objective manner in conducting mandate to verify and monitor Iran's implementation of its nuclear-related commitments under the JCPOA. Indonesia encourages state parties of the JCPOA to remain committed to the continued, full and effective implementation of the JCPOA and calls upon the international community to maintain support for the continuation of this landmark multilateral agreement.
- 5. In our region of Asia, signs of positive developments as a result of diplomacy and dialogue are encouraging. Indonesia welcomes the results of Inter-Korean high level engagements set forth in the Panmunjom Declaration in April 2018 and the results of the US-DPRK Summit in Singapore in June 2018. Indonesia calls on DPRK to take concrete steps towards the realization of a complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula by returning to the NPT and cooperating with the Agency in a good faith.

### Madame President,

6. On technical cooperation, Indonesia supports the Agency in strengthening its valuable contribution to the fulfillment of Sustainable Development Goals, including

through the Technical Cooperation Programme. In this regard, Indonesia works closely with the Agency, not only as a beneficiary, but also as a provider of technical cooperation for other members. The establishment of the IAEA Collaborating Centre in the areas of Plant Mutation Breeding and Non Destructive Diagnostic in Indonesia and the continued support for the IAEA's Peaceful Uses Initiative (PUI), are meant, among other things, to serve this purpose.

- 7. Indonesia also welcomes the results of the working visit of Director General of IAEA, Mr. Yukiya Amano, to Indonesia in February 2018, during which a Practical Arrangements between Indonesia and IAEA was signed. The Practical Arrangement further strengthens the cooperation between Indonesia and the Agency in the area of enhancing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC) and strengthening South-South Cooperation.
- 8. On nuclear application, Indonesia is pleased with the on-going cooperation that it has with the Agency, FAO and UNIDO to increase the production as well as the quality of soybean to achieve self-sufficiency. We plan to include mutant varieties in the planting of 500,000 hectare of soybean across 20 provinces. We also appreciate the Agency's assistance in providing cold storage to promote availability of sufficient seeds in several major locations in Indonesia.
- 9. In the area of livestock, Bogor Agricultural University initiated School for Smallholders Communities to empower small-scale livestock businesses that accounts for 98% of Indonesian domestic production. With the help of the Agency, nuclear techniques has been utilized to enhance reproduction and nutrition of livestock by 74 Communities across the country. Two farmers from the Communities in East Java and South Sumatera will provide testimonies on the success of the programme at our side event during this Conference.
- 10. In the area of health, Indonesia continues to make progress in cancer therapy and radiopharmaceuticals, and in this regards commends the Agency's assistance in telemedicine program and through integrated mission for Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy (imPACT) in January 2018.

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11. Indonesia appreciates the support of the Agency and international community in addressing safety related aspects in the development of its 10 megawatt thermal pebble bed experimental reactor through various missions, among others Safe Management of Radioactive Sources and General Safety Requirements Part 3. Indonesia looks forward to the upcoming Occupational Radiation Protection Appraisal Service (ORPAS) mission in November 2018 and IRRS Follow up mission in 2019.

- 12. At the national level, Indonesia continues to promote and engage its national stakeholders including universities to address, among others, safety related aspects dealing with radiation facilities, radioactive sources, nuclear and radiation instrumentation for monitoring purposes, nuclear medicine, and naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM) storage.
- 13. Indonesia within the framework of ASEANTOM continues to support the current and future endeavours of the Agency, including by endorsing the need to establish a regional network of radiation portal monitoring in Southeast Asia as part of the IAEA Radiation Monitoring Network.

### Madame President,

- 14. While keeping its national progress on track, Indonesia strongly believes that nuclear security efforts must be pursued in a comprehensive manner that goes beyond nuclear material in peaceful uses. The inalienable right of States to develop nuclear technology for peaceful purposes should be preserved to benefit people in achieving development goals. Therefore, measures to strengthen nuclear security must not hamper international cooperation in the field of peaceful nuclear activities, nor undermine the established priorities of the Agency's Technical Cooperation Programme.
- 15. Indonesia is of the view that nuclear security activities of the Agency should continue to be primarily funded on a voluntary basis through Nuclear Security Fund. As a contributor to the Fund, we recognize its important role in providing technical, human and financial resources for the Agency to implement its nuclear security programmes. Indonesia welcomes the commitment made by other member states to the fund.
- 16. Indonesia recognizes and supports the Agency's continuing work to assist Member States' efforts to ensure the security of their nuclear and other radioactive materials. In this connection, Indonesia commends the assistance provided by the Agency to Indonesia in our capacity as the host of the 18th Asian Games which were successfully convened in two cities—Jakarta and Palembang—from 18 August to 2 September 2018. We thank the Agency for its assistance and good cooperation with our relevant national authorities in strengthening the implementation of nuclear security measures before and during that important multi-sport event.
- 17. Indonesia would like to convey its appreciation to the Agency for providing Legislative Assistance during the ongoing process of revising Indonesia's Act Number 10 of 1997 on Nuclear Energy that would be of particular benefit in further complying with international obligation and commitments. The revised Act will incorporate safety,

- security and safeguards, as well as provide authority to investigate, prosecute, and address proliferation financing in relation to nuclear terrorism.
- 18. Indonesia continues to develop and strengthen its nuclear security infrastructure, among others through the establishment of Center of Excellence on Nuclear Security and Emergency Preparedness (I-coNSEP), the Center for Security Culture and Assessment, graduate programmes in nuclear security, and the Regional School on Nuclear Security for Asia and the Pacific.

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- 19. On nuclear energy, Indonesia is currently in the process of drafting a road map of nuclear power programme that involve all relevant national stakeholders. Indonesia is also working on its 10 megawatt thermal pebble bed experimental power reactor project with the detailed engineering design planned to be completed in 2018 for the purpose of obtaining project cost estimate.
- 20. Indonesia continues to work on core conversion project for Bandung TRIGA MARK II research reactor to replace TRIGA fuel and control elements with Material Testing Reactor fuel plate type and control rods produced domestically.
- 21. Turning to management issues, I would like to thank the Director General and the Secretariat for their efforts in increasing representation of under-represented countries in the recruitment of Agency staff, especially at professional and managerial levels. I would like to appeal to the Secretariat to continue this effort as a matter of priority, as well as to ensure gender balance in the Agency's personnel and programmes.
- 22. To conclude, Madame President, my delegation wishes to reiterate Indonesia's commitment and readiness to continue supporting the work of the Agency, including by providing high quality audit services with a view to promoting its accountability and transparency.

I thank you