



REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

ADDRESS OF THE ANGOLAN DELEGATION AT THE 63RD REGULAR SESSION OF THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE BY HIS EXCELLENCY JOÃO BAPTISTA BORGES, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND WATER, VIENNA, 16-20 SEPTEMBER 2019

Madam President,

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me begin, Madam President **Alicia Buenrostro Massieu**, by congratulating you on your election to chair the 63rd Regular Session of the International Atomic Energy Agency General Conference and to assure you of the support and collaboration of the Angolan delegation.

Angola once again expresses its condolences to the family and IAEA officials for the untimely death of Director General Yukiya Amano and fully associates itself with the act of tribute in his memory. The Government and people of Angola received with deep sadness the news of his death, which leaves a void for the Agency, multilateral diplomacy and the international scientific community.

Madam President,

Taking into account the enormous efforts that the international community has made to promote nuclear non-proliferation, disarmament and the peaceful use of nuclear technology, Angola welcomes the IAEA International Conference on Nuclear Safety, which will take place in February 2020, an opportunity to highlight Member States' support for the IAEA in this area.

Angola also welcomes the IAEA's efforts to conclude the Safeguards Agreements and Additional Protocols with Bolivia and Ethiopia, which will in some way contribute to the strengthening of the NPT (Non-Proliferation Treaty) framework and protection of nuclear and radiological materials.

Madam President,

In the chapter on strengthening practices in nuclear technology, radiology, transportation and nuclear waste management, Angola values cooperation projects that enable the elimination of specific needs and the training of human resources. Angola's participation in projects in the areas of radiation protection and nuclear safety, as well as the peaceful use of ionizing radiation, have contributed to the improvement of regulatory aspects in the country.

In the field of promoting the international legal framework, we want to encourage the Agency to continue its dissemination and follow-up work across Member States. In this regard, Angola ratified earlier this year four (4) legal instruments, namely:

- the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and the Amendment thereto,
- the Convention on Assistance in the Event of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency,
- the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage and
- the Code of Conduct on Safety and Protection of Radioactive Sources.

All these Conventions will soon be submitted to the IAEA.

Madam President,

Angola welcomes the Agency's activities related to nuclear science and technology, with particular emphasis on the significant progress made in implementing the “ReNuAL” Project, the IAEA International Conference on Climate Change, to be held in October 2019 and this year’s Scientific Forum for Cancer Control.

In this context, we highlight some activities that were and are being carried out by Angola:

- On 30 April 2019, a Country Programme Framework (CPF) was signed for the period 2019-2023. Of the four (4) projects in the 2018-2019 cycle, three (3) are performing very encouragingly and of these, two (2) will be strengthened and transition to the 2020-2021 cycle;
- In the context of South-South cooperation, Angola intends to sign during this Conference a cooperation agreement with Brazil and Mozambique;
- In the cancer chapter, Angola is developing with the IAEA's support a comprehensive cancer control program for the establishment of oncology and specialist training facilities.

Madam President,

Angola appreciates the support that IAEA has provided in the various fields.

Finally, at this time of great challenges for the Agency, we hope that the new Director General can further elevate the international prestige attained by the IAEA in promoting the use of atoms for world peace and development.

Thank you so much.