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Mr. President, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates of the IAEA Member States, Ladies and Gentlemen.

First and foremost, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Ministry of Mines and Energy of Cambodia, I would like to express my deepest condolences on the recent passing of Director General Yukiya Amano. Director General Amano was a true visionary and an inspiring figure, who has relentlessly devoted himself to maintain the global peace and to promote the peaceful uses of atomic energy throughout the world. For Cambodia, DG Amano was our dearest friend, and it was him, who helped re-establish and advance relations between Cambodian and the IAEA, overseeing the crucial first stage in expanding our ties, and to provide unwavering supports to Cambodia's efforts to promote and regulate the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

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On behalf of the Kingdom of Cambodia, I would like to reiterate that the Royal Government of Cambodia is fully committed to the non-proliferation of the nuclear program and takes part to ensure safety, security and safeguards at national, regional level and throughout the world. Over the years, Cambodia has been a party to numerous international agreements, conventions and protocols, including, to name a few, the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in 1972, Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone Treaty, also known as Bangkok Treaty, in 1997, Comprehensive Safeguard Agreement (CSA) in 1999, etc.

Our commitment has also been shown by our National Constitution of 1993 and its subsequent amendments, which reiterates that Cambodia is absolutely prohibited from manufacturing, use and storage of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. Subsequently, there are many other laws concerning the control of activities involving nuclear and radioactive materials. A comprehensive Nuclear Law, which covers nuclear safety, security, safeguards and civil liability is under preparation and it is closely following the international legislation standards.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has also established numerous competent authorities concerning the safety, security and safeguard of nuclear and radioactive materials and activities in Cambodia, including the Ministry of Mines and Energy, Secretariat of the National Counter Terrorism Committee, National Authority of Chemical Weapons, and other concerned line of ministries. We also work very closely with our international partners, including IAEA, EU-JRC, U.S DOE, JAEA, and more. on many aspects ranging from legislation, application of nuclear science and technology in health, industry, agriculture as well as safety, security activities, including the Megaport initiative, first responder team and front line officers training and safeguards activities.

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Since our membership reinstatement in 2009, the IAEA has assisted Cambodia's efforts significantly in achieving our sustainable development goals. Under the Technical Cooperation Program (TCP), Cambodia has successfully implemented many projects related to the implementation of the peaceful use of nuclear technology in various sectors such as agriculture in soil fertility, crop management and livestock production. Another showcase of the significant impact of TCP to Cambodia is the recent establishment of the first National Cancer Centre in Cambodia, which was inaugurated by our SPM in early 2018. Although this center was established under the government fund; the technical supports from the IAEA, including the design, installations of equipment, capacity buildings, has been crucial to the sustainability of the center in enhancing better capabilities in cancer treatment and nuclear medicine. The program also provided an instrumental support in launching and establishing a future regulatory authority after our nuclear law will be enacted in the future

Once again, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Ministry of Mines and Energy, I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to the IAEA and, Member States and external partners for the various cooperation extended and provided to Cambodia so far, and based on this perspective, we sincerely appeal for more cooperative programs in the promotion nuclear technology for peaceful purpose and development in Cambodia.

In conclusion, I would like to express my best wishes to Mr. President, His Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates of the IAEA Member States, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank you!