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Madam President,

1. At the outset, the Malaysian delegation would like to congratulate you on your election as President of the 63rd Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference. Please be assured of Malaysia's full support and cooperation. We also congratulate the other distinguished members of the Bureau on their election.

2. Malaysia expresses its profound sympathy and deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Director General Yukiya Amano following his passing. We extend our fullest cooperation to Acting Director General Cornel Feruta in steering the IAEA towards fulfilling its mandate.

Madam President,

3. In the face of globalization, peaceful uses of nuclear energy has and will continue to make contributions to Member States in meeting their developmental needs and goals. Consequently, the challenges and risks associated with the use of nuclear science, application and technology are real and increasingly evident.

4. We recognize the role played by the IAEA in promoting nuclear technology for socio-economic development of Member States. It is therefore imperative for the Agency to receive resources that are sufficient, assured and predictable in order to effectively discharge its

mandate. Malaysia will continue to honour its yearly contributions to both the Regular Budget and the Technical Cooperation Fund and we encourage all Member States to do so.

Madam President,

5. Malaysia places great importance towards the strengthening of nuclear safety efforts. We appreciate the confidence that the Agency has in Malaysia to continue hosting the Postgraduate Educational Course in Radiation Protection and the Safety of Radiation Sources (PGEC). 2018 was a landmark year for the PGEC as we hosted the 100th postgraduate course in Malaysia. To date 400 trainees from 34 countries have completed this course. Presently, we are hosting the 16th PGEC and look forward in hosting the 17th PGEC next year.

6. We fully support the central role of the IAEA in strengthening the nuclear security framework globally. Malaysia has been implementing nuclear security in accordance with the Nuclear Security Plan since 2007. In this regard we are pleased with the finalisation of a practical agreement in establishing a detection equipment depository. This will increase the visibility of Malaysia's Nuclear Security Support Centre (NSSC) through our implementation of the Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP). We stand ready to share these capacities with other Member States.

7. My delegation is pleased with the convening of the 2020 International Conference on Nuclear Security (ICONS 2020) and looks forward in participating at the highest level. We are hopeful that the outcome of this Conference would provide future directions and priorities for the upcoming Nuclear Security Plan 2022-2025.

8. As a member of the ASEAN Network of Regulatory Bodies on Atomic Energy (ASEANTOM), we are delighted to conclude the signing of the Practical Arrangement with the IAEA that reaffirms the commitment towards regional approaches in promoting harmonised regulatory control. We are confident that such approaches will enhance national regulatory capabilities while enhancing regional capacities.

Madam President,

9. My delegation is supportive of the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) and reiterates the need for the TCP to be formulated and implemented in accordance with the IAEA's guiding principles. In this regard, we look forward to review our Country Programme Framework 2017-2021 to reflect our current needs in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We reiterate our commitment towards building further mutual cooperation with the Agency and interested partners. An example of this is the development of a curriculum to introduce nuclear related subjects to secondary school students. The new syllabus is targeted to reach one million students by 2021.

10. We are honoured to be named as an IAEA Collaborating Centre (ICC) for *Plant Mutation Breeding Using Chronic Gamma Irradiation* for the period 2019 – 2022. Along with ICCs in the field of non-destructive testing and radiation processing, these centres continue to enable scientists from Member States to share resources, knowledge and expertise in the respective fields.

11. To further promote the use of nuclear science and technology, Malaysia will be hosting the 10th International Conference on Isotopes (10ICI). This Conference presents an excellent opportunity to promote the use of isotopes in the field of medicine, industry, environment and agriculture. Malaysia, therefore, extends an invitation to all Member States and look forward to welcome you in 2020 for the Conference.

Madam President,

12. We reaffirm that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) is the cornerstone of the non-proliferation regime. Malaysia extends its appreciation to States Parties to the NPT for the cooperation extended during our chairmanship of the 2019 Preparatory Committee for the 2020 NPT Review Conference in New York, which took place earlier this year. We look forward to a successful Review Conference in 2020.

13. Malaysia recognised the significance of the JCPOA as an example of successful multilateral diplomacy and had expressed support for its implementation and preservation. It has proven that diplomacy can solve political and security challenges of highest complexity. As such, Malaysia is concerned with the latest developments and calls on all parties to the JCPOA to ensure its continuation.

14. My delegation supports all diplomatic efforts that would lead to the easing of tensions and the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. In this regard, we call upon the DPRK to fully comply with the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions and the General Conference resolutions and return to the non-proliferation regime and implement the IAEA Comprehensive Safeguards effectively.

15. In conclusion Madam President, Malaysia believes that it is only through continuous transparency and full cooperation between the IAEA and Member States that the potential of the peaceful atom can truly be fully harnessed.

Thank you.