

**Statement by Ambassador H.E Mr. San Lwin, Head of Myanmar delegation,
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Madam President, Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates,

I would like to congratulate you, Madam President, on your election to the Presidency of the 63rd Regular Session of the General Conference. I am confident that, under your guidance and able leadership, the Conference will have productive achievement. I would also like to congratulate the Vice Presidents and the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole on their elections for this session of the General Conference.

I would like to express our deeply sorrow for the loss of Director General Mr. Yukiya Amano. He will always be in our heart for his effort of the verification of nuclear material and promotion of the peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology throughout the world.

Madam President,

Nuclear science and technology can make the significant contribution to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. The agency's Technical Cooperation Programme is effective and helping the developing states to attain SDGs. Myanmar has been assisted through technical cooperation programme in the fields of health and nutrition, food and agriculture, water and environment, industrial applications, radiation safety and nuclear knowledge development and management. Myanmar has also been receiving from agency the human resource development training in terms of fellowships and scientific visits through TC projects. Moreover, the agency provides Myanmar its support for the use of isotope hydrology in water resource management, and for establishing a Secondary Standards Dosimetry Laboratory, a gamma irradiation facility and a marine environmental radiation monitoring laboratory. In next TC cycle, Myanmar will continue collaboration with the agency and the ADB to establish new radiotherapy centers and strengthen current infrastructure. We are also participating in the coordinated research projects (CRPs) and receiving the assistance for research on, and the development and practical applications of, atomic energy.

As we recognize that the contribution to TC funding meets the demand for TC activities, Myanmar has fully contributed to the Agency the payments to Working Capital Fund, Regular Budget and the Technical Cooperation Fund.

Madam President,

We acknowledge that the agency's effort for the promotion of safe, secure and sustainable use of nuclear science and technology for peaceful purposes are valuable for the national and regional needs. We support the agency's continued effort to maintain and strengthen the nuclear, radiation, transport and waste safety and emergency preparedness capabilities in member states. Myanmar is a party to Convention on Early Notification of Nuclear Accidents and Convention on Nuclear Safety, and we are fully cooperating as an active member of the Conventions.

We also support for the Code of Conduct on Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and we are in substantial progress in strengthening radiation safety regulatory infrastructure. Recently, the agency provided Myanmar the technical support for operating the Radiation Safety Information Management System (RASIMS) tool and the train-the-trainer course on the radiation protection officers. Myanmar, in collaboration with the Agency, is going to host the mid-term review meeting of RASIMS coordinators in coming November.

Madam President,

We would like to appreciate the agency's effort to achieve effective nuclear security and comprehensive nuclear security guidance and promoting the capacity building. Myanmar is a party to Convention on Nuclear Safety and Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) and its amendment. Assistance has been provided by the agency to establish and maintain effective and sustainable nuclear security regimes in Myanmar. Myanmar received the review mission of Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) in last month.

We would also like to acknowledge and appreciate the agency's efforts for verification and monitoring of nuclear material, safeguards implementation, upgrading surveillance system and, for helping member states to build capacity for implementing their safeguards obligations.

Madam President,

Myanmar is a party to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and has signed Treaty on Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapon, Safeguard Agreement, Small Quantities Protocol and Addiditon Protocol as well as ratified Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty. At the regional level, as a member of ASEAN and Network of Nuclear Regulatory Bodies on Atomic Energy in Southeast Asia, Myanmar reiterates its strong commitments to the implementation of the treaty

on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone. For development of the safeguards workforce, Myanmar is willing to host the regional and national training courses for implementing the national and regional systems of accounting for and control of nuclear material.

Madam President,

In conclusion, we would like to re-affirm our full support to the Agency for performing nuclear energy development, nuclear technology applications for peaceful purposes, technical cooperation with member states, and nuclear safety, security and safeguards. We are strongly convinced that the 63rd regular session of the General Conference of the IAEA will make optimal decisions for the benefit of member states and better achievement in the activities of the Agency.

I thank you, Madam President.