

## STATEMENT

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*Madam/Mr President,*

*Distinguished delegates,*

*On behalf of the Delegation of Viet Nam, I would like to pay my respect to Late Director General Dr. Yukiya Amano and also express the deep sadness for the great loss at his passing. In this regard, it is attached here the best acknowledgement to Dr. Amano for his vision, outstanding dedication and devotion to the work of the Agency and to the peaceful uses of nuclear technology for the benefit of people around the world.*

1. Madam Alicia Buenrostro Massieu, I would like to extend our warm congratulations to you on your election as the President of the IAEA Sixty-third General Conference. It is convinced that with your rich experience and distinguished leadership, you will lead this GC to a great success.

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*Distinguished delegates,*

2. Based on the achievements over the past decade, Viet Nam continues to implement the Strategy for Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy to promote research and application of nuclear and radiation in the country's socio-economic development, ensuring nuclear safety, security and non-proliferation.

3. We are pleased to emphasize that within the framework of the CPF for the period of 2016-2021, Viet Nam continues to receive effective assistance from the IAEA through TC projects. With experience and knowledge gaining through Agency's supports in many years, Viet Nam has also actively cooperated with the IAEA and Laos and Cambodia to establish and prepare for the **Practical Arrangements between IAEA, Viet Nam and Laos/Cambodia** on Triangular cooperation for enhancing technical cooperation among developing countries and strengthening South-South cooperation.

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4. The most widely used and effective field of atomic energy in Viet Nam is in health-care, especially in **cancer control using nuclear techniques**. In recent years, there are 186.000 cases of cancer patients new-found each year in our country, in which 42.000 died per year. More than 90 LINAC, Cyberknife, Gammaknife and HDR brachytherapy have also been used national-wide in radiotherapy. 6 Cyclotrons and the Dalat Nuclear Research Reactor continue to produce radiopharmaceuticals which meet 40 percent of domestic demand, which has contributed to push forward the development of nuclear medicine in Viet Nam as well as in neighbor countries such as Cambodia.

Moreover, with support from Agency, the first academic education program in medical physics in Viet Nam has been officially approved.

The cooperation and support of the IAEA plays very important role in gaining significant achievements in the application of nuclear energy in cancer control.

5. **Agriculture** is an important economic sector in Viet Nam as about 40 percent of country population working in this field. In term of plant protection, Sterile Insect Technique has continuously received attention for the prevention of harmful insects on dragonfruit. Radiation processing applications have increased the ability of irradiation in controlling fresh fruits and sea foods to export to some foreign markets in the world.

6. The **IAEA-VINATOM Collaborating Centre for Water and Environment** was inaugurated early this year which will promote the use of nuclear techniques for holistic water and environment assessment, monitoring and management in Viet Nam, as well as broader integrated watershed and coastal area management in Southeast Asia.

7. In collaboration with Russia, Viet Nam has actively been implementing the project of **Research Center for Nuclear Science and Technology** in which the new research reactor has been established.

8. National **infrastructure and capability for emergency response** has been continually enhanced. The regional collaboration mechanism within the ASEAN with the external support from IAEA and EC is being urgently

arranged in emergency preparedness for radioactive dispersion risks from outside to the region.

9. Concerning the **management of disused sources**, since 2017, with support from the Agency, Viet Nam had collected and conditioned 800 vulnerable sources scattering at facilities with poor conditions of safety and security to store in the centralized storages at MOST.

10. In the field of nuclear security, Viet Nam has been supported by the IAEA in enhancing its radiation and nuclear detection capability and in updating its Integrated Nuclear Security Supporting Plan, through an IAEA follow-up mission in March 2018. The installation of **radioactive detection portals** at the second International Airport will be completed soon in this year. Viet Nam has been also supported by the IAEA to develop and review its roadmap of Human Resource Development for Nuclear Security Detection. This is much helpful for Viet Nam to enhance its capacity in controlling transboundary movement of radioactive material in scrap metal and illicit trafficking of radioactive material.

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11. Along with strengthening cooperation with the IAEA, Viet Nam attaches great importance to bilateral and multilateral cooperation, in which we continue to cooperate with the United States, Japan, South Korea, Russia, India, the European Commission and so on in the field of atomic energy application, safety, security and safeguards.

12. In conclusion, the Delegation of Viet Nam appreciates and wishes to thank all IAEA staff for their dedication and efficient performance; I sincerely thank the Agency for its valuable cooperation and assistance, and I hope that the IAEA will continue to concentrate its effective collaborative efforts to help developing Member States achieve their goals to safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear energy for their socio-economic development. We reaffirmed our full support for the IAEA's activities in strengthening and promoting the application of nuclear science and technology for a world of peace, stability, cooperation and prosperity.

*Thank you for your kind attention./.*