



## **REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA**

**STATEMENT OF THE ANGOLAN DELEGATION AT THE 64TH  
SESSION OF THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE, TO BE DELIVERED  
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**Mr. President,  
Excellencies,**

Allow me to begin by congratulating you, H.E Ambassador **Azzeddine Farhane**, Permanent Representative of Morocco, on your election as President this 64th Session of the **IAEA** General Conference.

I would also like to express our appreciation to the Director-General **Mariano Grossi** and the IAEA staff for organizing this event, and we take this opportunity to welcome the **Republic of Guinea** and **Samoa** as the Agency's new Member States, which we encourage to take advantage of the maximum benefit from the services and technical assistance available at the Agency.

**Mr. President,**

The world is currently experiencing difficult and challenging times with the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, causing a human crisis with serious health problems and socio-economic consequences in countries, which impose an unprecedented global response of the international community.

Recognizing the role of the IAEA in the face of the threat that constitutes the pandemic, Angola appreciates the Agency's assistance in providing RT-PCR equipment and

supplies for the detection and diagnosis of the **COVID-19** virus in our country, which will in a way contribute to strengthen the fight against this pandemic.

Angola also joins countries that value the IAEA initiative in creating the Zoonotic Disease Integrated Action (**ZODIAC**) Project, which will help Member States, especially developing countries, to prevent future pandemics caused by bacteria, parasites, fungi or viruses that originate in animals and can be transmitted to humans. In this regard, we expect the IAEA to provide more information related to the financial, organizational and human resources aspects for the implementation of **ZODIAC**, technical assistance and the way of training national laboratories in the Member States, as well as the coordination work with other International Organizations such as the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) and the World Health Organization (**WHO**).

Regarding of the promotion of the international legal framework, we would like to encourage the Agency to continue the work of disseminating and monitoring the Member States and in this regard, we would like to emphasize that during the “**Treaty Event**”, held on **21 September 2020**, Angola deposited the following legal instruments:

- **Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) and its Amendment;**
- **Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS).**

**Mr. President,**

Finally, the Republic of Angola is deeply grateful for the support that the IAEA has provided in the various fields and reiterates its firm commitment, together with the international community, to continue to work to promote the use of atoms for peace and development in the world, especially at this moment that the unity and solidarity of all Member States is impose in the fight against the pandemic of COVID-19.

**Thank you very much.**