

**National Statement of the Republic of Indonesia**  
**By H.E. Mrs. Retno L. P. Marsudi**  
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**at the 64<sup>th</sup> IAEA General Conference**

***Mr. President,***

The COVID-19 pandemic has delayed, if not derailed, our prospect of peace and prosperity for generations to come.

It may reverse a decade of global progress in many areas.

At the same time, our world has seen no significant improvement in the security environment.

Against this backdrop, and for IAEA to remain relevant, the agency must continue carrying out its mission while contributing to global efforts in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

I would like to make 3 points in this regard.

First, ensure global nuclear safety, security and safeguards.

We encourage the agency to adapt its inspection activities, in response to currently limited mobility

Without compromising the credibility of its works.

Second, deliver tangible benefits of peaceful uses of nuclear energy through inclusive technical cooperation.

Indonesia is committed to support this objective, including through Practical Arrangement with the agency on enhancing technical cooperation among developing countries and South-South cooperation.

Indonesia also welcomes and supports the Agency's initiative on Nuclear Technology for Controlling Plastic pollution (NUTEC Plastic), to address global plastic pollution collectively.

Last, but not least, provide access and support for member states to enhance their national capacity in tackling the pandemic.

We appreciate the agency assistance to member states, including Indonesia, to strengthen our national laboratories' capacity

Concrete IAEA projects, such as the Zoonotic Diseases Integrated Action (ZODIAC) is crucial in monitoring, detecting and controlling emerging and re-emergence of zoonotic diseases

Colleagues,

Despite the magnitude of the current challenges, it is important to make sure that the IAEA can live up its motto: "Atoms for Peace and Development".

Thank you.

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