

STATEMENT

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Mr. President,

I would like to extend our warm congratulations to you on your election as the President of the 64th Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference. I am convinced that under your chairmanship, the General Conference will achieve a great success.

Mr. President,

1. Viet Nam appreciates the tremendous efforts and remarkable achievements of the Agency in fulfilling its mission in using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes to develop, and to ensure safety and security throughout the world, particularly under the circumstance of COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Viet Nam is pleased to convey our kind gratitude to the Agency for its help in applying real time RT-PCR, a nuclear-derived method, to fight against COVID-19 pandemic. The IAEA's support and equipment for the rapid and accurate detection of the coronavirus to 118 member states, including Viet Nam has been effectively contributing to our efforts to address the disease.

In this regard, we applaud the Agency's initiatives such as ZODIAC or NUTEC Plastic. Such projects should be regarded as an effective assistance of the IAEA in promoting the application of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes and sustainable development, especially in solving global issues. Viet Nam fully supports and cooperates with the Agency in these projects.

3. We acknowledge that technical cooperation activities with the Agency play an important role, helping Viet Nam to gain important achievements in the application of nuclear energy in various field, including health-care, agriculture, industry, research, environmental protection, water resources development,

response to climate-change and radiation and nuclear safety. For new cycle 2022-2023, Viet Nam expects to be awarded by the Agency 6 VIE national projects and we have positively participated in designing new regional and inter-regional projects.

*Mr. President,
Distinguished delegates,*

4. In conclusion, Viet Nam appreciates and wishes to thank all IAEA staff for their dedication and efficient performance. We are confident that the Director-General will lead the IAEA in its complex tasks with technical expertise, diplomatic skill, impartiality, and determination. In the discharge of your responsibilities under the mandate of the IAEA and the guidance of the Board of Governors, you and the Agency can count on the full support of the Vietnamese Government.

Thank you for your kind attention./.