



**STATEMENT OF THE ANGOLAN DELEGATION  
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Mr. President,  
Excellencies,

Allow me to begin by congratulating you, H.E. Ambassador Mr. **Sadiq MARAFI**, of the Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait, on your election as President of the IAEA General Conference at its 65th Session.

I would also like to express our deep appreciation to the Director-General Mariano Grossi for the diligent manner he has been leading the IAEA during these challenging times, and also the Secretariat of the IAEA for organizing this event.

Mr. President,

The referred difficult and challenging times since the COVID-19 pandemic emerged one and half years ago that has caused a human crisis with serious

health problems and socio-economic consequences in countries, requires an unprecedented, urgent, global and sustainable response of the international community.

In this context my government restates its support of the ZODIAC project which was launched in 2020 recognizing that nuclear science and technology could be used to detect, trace and control emerging pathogens that have the potential of developing into pandemics and thus the need to be proactive in response to any future pandemic. For this reason, we look forward to the scientific forum that we are convinced will cover this crucial task.

My government appreciates the close collaboration between the Agency and the African Union's Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Campaign (PATTEC) that through capacity-building led to a significant decrease of Trypanosomiasis in the sub-Saharan region and counts on the continuous support of getting access to eradication strategies, including the cost-effective integration of SIT operations into area-wide integrated pest management (AW-IPM) campaigns.

We appreciate the Agency's NUTEC Plastics programme dedicated to fight the pollution of marine and terrestrial ecosystems and call upon the member states to join this important developing programme whose positive impact reinforces the central role that the Agency must play in the environmental issues.

Mr. President,

Finally, the Republic of Angola is deeply grateful for the support that the IAEA has provided to developing countries, particularly in Africa, in the various fields and reiterates its firm commitment, together with the international community, to continue working 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 imposing in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

I Thank you Mr. President