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Statement by Denmark
As delivered by Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Jeppe Kofod

President,

Denmark fully aligns itself with the EU statement delivered earlier.

This year has once again demonstrated very clearly the need for multilateralism and for strong multilateral organisations.

The IAEA is an excellent example of an important and effective organisation.

Denmark strongly supports the Agency's work across the spectrum of its mandate.

I was pleased to have the IAEA engaged in the Conference on WMD Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation in Copenhagen earlier this month.

President,

The IAEA plays a decisive role in preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and in upholding the NPT-based regime. We fully support the IAEA safeguards system and its further development.

We are pleased that we have contributed financially to the Agency's essential work in relation to Iran's nuclear-related commitments.

We strongly regret Iran's decision to stop implementing those commitments.

The international community relies on the IAEA to oversee Iran's nuclear activities. Iran's decision means that the non-proliferation benefits of the JCPoA are at severe risk.

We are deeply concerned about Iran's nuclear activities that lack plausible civilian justification.

We therefore strongly urge Iran to cooperate fully with the Agency. We support all efforts to ensure the verified implementation of the JCPoA and of Iran's safeguards obligations.

President,

Let me also thank the IAEA for its continuing efforts to observe and report on the development of the DPRK's nuclear programme.

We condemn the DPRK's clear failure to comply with its international obligations. We call for complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization as required by the UN Security Council.

President,

Denmark actively supports the IAEA's important work to enhance nuclear safety and nuclear security. Last year, we provided technical experts to Lebanon through the IAEA RANET in the aftermath of the terrible explosion in Beirut.

We have also been grateful for our cooperation with the Agency on the IRRS Mission, which visited Denmark this month. We look forward to the ARTEMIS Mission next year.

The IAEA has a crucial role to play in strengthening global nuclear safety and security.

Denmark has been pleased to provide voluntary funding for this work, which is key to national and international safety and security. We aim to make a further contribution this year.

President,

In closing, let me thank the Director General and the dedicated staff of the IAEA for their invaluable contribution to building a safer and more prosperous world.

We will continue our cooperation with them and with other Member States to advance the mandate of the IAEA.

Thank you, President.