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Mr. President,

1. Nuclear remains **frightening** for most people in the world.
2. Such fear is well-founded.
3. We have yet to completely eliminate ... the **threat of nuclear weapons**.
4. Heightening tension between nuclear powers provokes understandable anxiety ... among the international community.
5. **Nuclear arms race** is still very much part of our reality.
6. It is very easy to forget that nuclear can be a **powerful ally** ... to **create a better future** for mankind.
7. For this to happen ... we need to restore our confidence first in nuclear safety, security, and safeguards.
8. The **IAEA's role** remains central ... in helping Member **States fulfil their obligations** in this regard.
9. At the same time ... we must continue promoting peaceful use of nuclear energy.
10. The IAEA's role is equally instrumental ... in deploying nuclear science and technologies for developing countries ... through **inclusive technical cooperation**.
11. Indonesia is committed to support such initiative ... including through the South-South Cooperation.
12. We ourselves have benefited greatly from such cooperation.

13. Since 2013, we have worked with FAO/IAEA ... to develop nuclear technology in agriculture ... which resulted in the development of 23 new rice crop varieties.
14. We are honored to receive the **FAO/IAEA Outstanding Achievement Award**.
15. This is a recognition to the socio-economic impact of our collaboration ... and a testament to the contribution of nuclear energy to sustainable development.
16. The potential for peaceful use of nuclear energy is limitless ... including to address urgent global challenges.
17. In the face of today's pandemic ... nuclear technology... can also be used to detect new virus strains ... and prevent future pandemics.
18. Going forward ... let us continue our collective work to “**accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health, and prosperity**” ... as stated in the IAEA Charter.
19. Its about time we put a human face to nuclear energy.
20. Thank you.

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