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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