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Mr President,

**Introduction**

1. On behalf of the Malaysian delegation, I would like to congratulate you on your election as President of this 65th Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference and assure you of our fullest support and cooperation towards a successful conclusion of this Conference. We also would like to welcome Samoa as a new Member State to the IAEA.

Mr President,

2. In the current challenging environment caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Malaysia commends the Agency's responsive actions in ensuring its activities continued to be carried out as much as possible. We reaffirm our continued support to the IAEA's mandated role to promote safe, secure and peaceful uses of nuclear technology.
3. Malaysia appreciates the continuous efforts played by the IAEA in promoting transparency, efficiency and accountability. We believe that all programmes and activities of the Agency deserve equal merits. No action will become reality without adequate and sustainable resources. It is highly important that the Agency is provided with sufficient, assured and predictable resources in order to effectively discharge its mandate. On this note, Malaysia reiterates its support to

the effective functioning of the Agency through its timely and full contributions to both the IAEA regular budget and the Technical Cooperation Fund.

Mr President,

4. On Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, I am pleased to inform that Malaysia will be chairing the Main Committee I on Nuclear Disarmament for the upcoming Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference. This further reflects Malaysia's unwavering commitment towards a world free of nuclear weapons. The NPT remains the cornerstone of the global non-proliferation regime. It remains the fundamental basis for realizing the goal of general and complete disarmament. We look forward to a successful Review Conference when it is convened. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which entered into force January this year is a historic milestone, which reaffirms Malaysia's commitment on the important steps urgently needed to achieve the goal of nuclear disarmament.
5. In this connection, we commend the IAEA for its professionalism in undertaking verification activities of Iran's nuclear programme under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). We are concerned with the recent developments with regard to the JCPOA and wish to underline the importance of adherence to the agreement by all parties.

Mr. President,

### **Nuclear Safety**

6. Malaysia continues to take an active role in promoting effective and harmonised approaches in nuclear safety and security through its participation within the ASEANTOM. This includes the exchange of good practices and experiences, as well as ensuring the successful implementation of the Five-year ASEANTOM Work Plan 2021-2025 and development programme under the Practical Arrangements (PA), between ASEAN and the IAEA, on cooperation in the areas

of Nuclear Science and Technology and Applications, Nuclear Safety, Security and Safeguards, which was signed in September 2019.

7. To reaffirm our commitment on Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) to any radiological and nuclear incident, Malaysia has signed the Practical Arrangement (PA) between the IAEA on the Voluntary Exchange and Visualization of Routine Radiation Monitoring Data on the International Radiation Monitoring Information System (IRMIS) on 9 April 2021. This represents Malaysia's continued belief in the IAEA's central role in safety, security and safeguard, as well as our desire to utilise national action at the regional level, to be used in the event of a nuclear or radiological incident or accident.
8. Malaysia attaches great importance towards the strengthening of nuclear safety efforts. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to implement capacity building programmes on nuclear and radiation safety through virtual platforms. Malaysia appreciates the Agency's efforts in providing online workshops to strengthen the pedagogical and e-learning skills of PGEC lecturers of the Regional Training Centre of Malaysia.
9. Malaysia recognises the importance of the Agency's activities to enhance Member States' capabilities; to achieve and maintain high quality and consistency in radiation measurements and dosimetry standards. The IAEA/WHO SSDL Network has been proven to be of enormous value for Malaysia in improving national capabilities in this area. Moving forward, we are planning to establish a Primary Standard Dosimetry Laboratory in the near future, and we would like to seek the Agency's support in making this plan a reality.

Mr President,

### **Nuclear Security**

10. Malaysia recognises the importance of nuclear security in preventing the unauthorised use of nuclear material and nuclear technology. In this respect, Malaysia has signed the Partnership Agreement on the Establishment of a

Loaner Pool for Nuclear Security Detection Equipment in Enhancing Support for Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific Region with the IAEA on the last General Conference, and received the equipment from the IAEA. In realising this objective, Malaysia welcomes the Asia and Asian Pacific Members to participate in the Loaner Pool Project through the IAEA.

11. Malaysia appreciates IAEA's continuous support in the implementation of the Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) in Malaysia. Malaysia also wishes to share that we will be hosting the revision of the International Nuclear Security Advisory Service (INSServ) in 2022. We believe this mission will further assist Malaysia in completing the gap review for improvements in the existing security mechanisms.

Mr President,

### **Safeguards**

12. Malaysia appreciates the IAEA's central role and its nomination of Malaysia to participate in the pilot phase of the new initiative on the Comprehensive Capacity-Building Initiative for State System of Accounting for and Control (SSACs) and State Authority Responsible for Safeguards Implementation (SRAs) (COMPASS). These projects are aimed at improving the effectiveness of Malaysia's nuclear materials accounting and control system as well as the enhancement of the regulatory body's responsibility for the implementation of safeguards. Nonetheless, Malaysia is convinced that this initiative would elevate the awareness among our various domestic stakeholders and industrial players.
13. Malaysia is also cognizant of the importance of IAEA Safeguards particularly the Additional Protocol. Hence, Malaysia continues to undertake serious efforts concerning nuclear safeguards as part of its confidence-building measures in the non-proliferation regime. In this regard, Malaysia looks forward to the completion of its domestic procedures for the possible ratification of the Additional Protocol.

Mr President,

### **Technical Cooperation**

14. Malaysia reaffirms its long-standing support for the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP). We commend the Agency for adapting to new pandemic realities while ensuring the continuation and continuity of TC activities. Hence, we shall continue to work closely with the Agency to ensure the planned TC activities are implemented effectively and efficiently.
15. Malaysia commends the Agency's indispensable support to Member States through NUTEC Plastic and ZODIAC projects, in promoting the application of nuclear technology for solving global issues. In this regard, we would like to extend our support and readiness to cooperate with the Agency and other Member States under these initiatives.

### **Nuclear Science, Technology and Applications**

16. Malaysia acknowledges the importance of nuclear science and technology and its application in the agricultural sector, towards realising the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As a result of its research activities on mutation breeding, Malaysia has successfully developed two new rice varieties namely, NMR151 and NMR152, that has positively impacted the socio-economic status of local farmers through increased income and less production cost. Malaysia is ready to share its experiences and lessons learnt through the IAEA Collaborating Centre (ICC) in plant mutation breeding with other countries, particularly in the Asia Pacific region.
17. Malaysia is supportive of the Agency's efforts in promoting a quality management approach to Member States in obtaining the best results from the practice of nuclear medicine. On this note, Malaysia will continue to work closely with the Agency through its National Steering Committee for Quality Management Audits in Nuclear Medicine Practices (QUANUM) to implement a national quality management programme for enhancing clinical practice and quality of services.

Mr President,

**Conclusion**

18. In conclusion, Malaysia commends the Agency's indispensable support and transparency to the Member States to acquire peaceful uses of nuclear technology to achieve their development objectives and priorities. In realising the full benefits of nuclear technology for sustainable socio-economic development, Malaysia reaffirms its commitment to fostering closer cooperation and partnership with the Agency, other States and interested partners towards achieving our mutual goals and interests.

Thank you.