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**The President, Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is my honour and privilege to address the 65th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency. On behalf of the Government of Uganda and my own behalf, I join the previous speakers in congratulating you on your assumption of the Presidency of the 65<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Agency's General Conference.

**Your Excellency,**

The Government of Uganda affirms her firm commitment to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy in compliance with the relevant safety, security and safeguard measures. We therefore, highly value the Agency's continued technical assistance to Uganda in advancing the use of nuclear science and technology in the areas of; food security, sustainable agriculture, human health, sustainable energy development and water resources management.

My Government among others, prioritises the energy sector as a primary growth enabler to attain the national development agenda by 2040. The Government of Uganda aims to achieve electricity consumption of 3,668 kWh/Capita in 2040 from current level of about 200 kWh/Capita. To this end, the Government of Uganda continues to prepare for the introduction of nuclear power as part of the diversification strategy for meeting future electricity needs for social economic development.

To reaffirm my Government's commitment towards nuclear power infrastructure development in a systematic manner, I welcome the Agency's Integrated Nuclear Infrastructure Review mission planned this year.

**Your Excellency,**

The partnership with the Agency through the implementation of the Technical Cooperation Programme and other Agency supported activities has been beneficial in terms of human resources development and acquisition of specialised equipment across the various sectors of Government. In the current

situation of the pandemic, we applaud the Agency for the continued assistance to Member States demonstrated by the good implementation of the technical cooperation programme.

**Your Excellency,**

With nuclear power prospects and the significant increase of nuclear science and technology applications, Uganda reaffirms her commitment towards strengthening the national infrastructure for nuclear Safety, Security and Safeguards. To this end, we welcome the Agency's assistance towards nuclear law development and enhancing the nuclear security regime.

Uganda believes that development cannot be sustained without peace and security. We wish therefore to applaud the Agency for its pivotal role in enhancing the nuclear security regime and for monitoring and safeguarding nuclear material to ensure that peaceful nuclear endeavours do not result in nuclear terrorism and nuclear weapons proliferation.

In conclusion, Uganda reiterates her firm support to the mandate and activities of the Agency aimed at advancing nuclear science and technology for the social wellbeing of humanity. I also thank the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Secretariat for their service to Member States.

I thank you.

**For God and My Country**