



**STATEMENT OF THE ANGOLAN DELEGATION
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Mr President,

Excellencies,

Allow me to congratulate, H.E Ambassador Mr **Alessandro Cortese**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Italy in Vienna on your election as President of the 66th Annual Session of the IAEA General Conference.

I would also like to express our appreciation to the Director-General Mr **Rafael Grossi** and the IAEA staff for organizing this event, and we take this opportunity to welcome the **Republic of Saint Kitts and Nevis**, and the **Kingdom of Tonga** as the agency's new member states and the **Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe** for the signature of the NPT.

In the same context, my government recognizes the leadership of the Agency within the non-proliferation international architecture, particularly in the difficult moments that the international community is facing regarding the peace and security issues.

Angola supports the efforts of the secretariat of the Agency to encourage the members states on the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes especially

in the areas of medicine, agriculture and other crucial domains for the community of developing countries.

Mr President,

Regarding the technical cooperation with the IAEA, we would like to mention the recent meeting held last June, in Lisbon, within the scope of the Second United Nations Ocean Conference, between the Director General of the IAEA, Mr **Rafael Grossi** and His Excellency the President of the Republic of Angola, Mr **João Lourenço**.

Angola is deeply committed to work closely with the IAEA in the context of the *Rays of Hope initiative* and other relevant projects with regard to the development of our country without any prejudice of the agency's support mainly on supplying laboratory equipments within the scope of the *Zodiac Project* and training of Angolan staff members.

Angola also appreciates the efforts undertaken by the Agency through the *Rays of Hope* initiative launched during the African Union Summit in February 2022, to support Member States in increasing access to affordable, equitable, effective, and sustainable radiation medicine services within a comprehensive cancer control system.

Mr President,

Angola welcomes the steady progress made in the modernization of the Nuclear Applications laboratories at Seibersdorf under the ReNuAL, ReNuAL+ and ReNuAL2 projects and is pleased to note that the **Yukiya Amano** Laboratories, since its full operationalization, continue to provide valuable support to

Member States in fighting transnational and zoonotic diseases such as COVID-19 and the Monkeypox virus.

Finally, the Republic of Angola is deeply grateful for the support that the IAEA has provided to developing countries, particularly in Africa, in the various fields and reiterates its firm commitment, together with the international community, to continue working on promoting the use of atoms for peace and development in the world.

I thank you Mr President