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His Excellency Mr. President

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen!

On behalf of H.E. Suy Sem, Minister of Mines and Energy of the Kingdom of Cambodia, it is my great honor and pleasure to be attending the 66th IAEA's General Conference this year. I also highly appreciate the IAEA for inviting Cambodia to participate in this timely conference.

Cambodia National Constitution (1993) and its subsequent amendments reiterates that Cambodia is absolutely prohibited from manufacturing, use and storage of nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons. Subsequently, there are many other laws concerning the control of activities involving nuclear and radioactive materials these include Cambodia Nuclear Law drafting, and preparation is under way.

I would like to reiterate that the Royal Government of Cambodia is fully committed to the non-proliferation of the nuclear program and takes part to ensure safety, security, and safeguards at national, regional level and throughout the world. Over the years, Cambodia has been a party to numerous international agreements, conventions and protocols, including, to name a few, the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone Treaty, also known as Bangkok Treaty, Comprehensive Safe Agreement (CSA), and Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, etc. Cambodia also considers becoming a party to other conventions, which Cambodia has not yet been a member, to further ensure our commitment in the safety, security and safeguards of peaceful nuclear applications. In this connection, I would

like to hereby announce that Cambodia has officially acceded to the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency, whose Instrument of Accession was deposited to H.E. Rafael Grossi, Director General of the IAEA, on 26 September 2022 during the IAEA's Treaty Event.

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Since our membership reinstatement in 2009, the IAEA has assisted Cambodia's efforts significantly in achieving our sustainable development goals. Under the Technical Cooperation Program (TCP), Cambodia has successfully implemented many projects related to the implementation of the peaceful use of nuclear technology in various sectors such as agriculture in soil fertility, crop management and livestock production. Another showcase of the significant impact of TCP to Cambodia is the recent establishment of the first National Cancer Centre in Cambodia, which was inaugurated by our SPM in early 2018. Although this center was established under the government fund; the technical supports from the IAEA, including the design, installations of equipment, capacity buildings, has been crucial to the sustainability of the center in enhancing better capabilities in cancer treatment and nuclear medicine. We strongly believe in building the soft infrastructure including necessary regulatory framework to build an institutional capacity and competency as well as human resources development to establish the safety and security regulations and standards. We would like to also extend our appreciation to other external partners that have been strongly supported Cambodia, especially providing our staffs trainings through various programs. These individuals are great assets to Cambodia.

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The Royal Government of Cambodia has also established numerous competent authorities concerning the safety, security and safeguard of nuclear and radioactive materials and activities in Cambodia, including the Ministry of Mines and Energy, the Secretariat of National Counter Terrorism Committee, National Authority of Chemical Weapons, and other concerned line of ministries. We also work very closely with our international partners, including IAEA, EU, U.S DOE, JAEA, and more on many aspects ranging from legislation, application of nuclear science and technology in health, industry, agriculture as well as safety, security, and safeguards activities.

With regards to the legal and regulatory framework, the Royal Government of Cambodia has mandated the Ministry of Mines and Energy, among others, to promote and regulate the peaceful, safe, and secure use of nuclear science and technology including the ionizing radiation in Cambodia. Under this mandate, the Ministry of Mines and Energy has been actively establishing the legal and technical frameworks to ensure our continued commitment to the peaceful, safe, and secure application of nuclear science and technology in Cambodia. Subsequently, the Ministry of Mines and Energy promulgated the ministerial circular on the Management of Import and Use of Radioactive Substances and Sources in Cambodia. Currently, the Ministry of Mines and Energy, under the technical support from the IAEA, is drafting the Technical Guidance on the Basic Safety and Security for the Use of Radiation Source, which we project to be issued in 2023.

The Royal Government of Cambodia is committed to participate with regional and global effort to counter WMD and illegal trafficking of CBRN materials. Taking this opportunity, we would like to express our great appreciation to US.DOE, IAEA, EU-JRC, and other international partners for their support to strengthen the Nuclear Security in Cambodia and through provision of national and regional workshops, trainings, and seminars and provision of technical equipment, including Handheld equipment, Radiation Portal Monitors (RPM) and so on.

Cambodia has been actively participating with US Mega-Port Program, GICNT, PSI, EXBS and EU P2P Programs as well as involved in the specification and development of Integrated Nuclear Security Network System for mobile handheld equipment (M-INSN) and is also an active participant in two Coordinated Research Projects (CRPs) and is actively using TRACE App. In this regard, we are looking forward to working with the IAEA on future CRPs, and the development of our national technical and legal documents, and trainings.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation to the IAEA's Division of Nuclear Security in the support of co-organizing two national workshops and the Review Meeting on the Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP), which took place between July and August 2022. We are looking forward to the continued support from the IAEA, especially from the Division of Nuclear Security to the successful implementation of our recently updated INSSP.

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Last but not least, on behalf of His Excellency Minister SUY Sem, and the Ministry of Mines and Energy of the Kingdom of Cambodia, we would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to the IAEA and, Member States and external partners for the various cooperation extended and provided to Cambodia so far, and based on this perspective, we sincerely appeal for more cooperative programs in the promotion nuclear technology for peaceful purpose and development in Cambodia.

Thank You!