



Mr. President

Denmark aligns itself with the EU statement.

This General Conference takes place against the backdrop of Russia's unprovoked and unjustified aggression against Ukraine, which we condemn in the strongest possible terms.

The nuclear non-proliferation architecture is deeply challenged.

The answer is not less but more multilateralism and international cooperation to handle the challenges..

Denmark fully supports the work of the IAEA across the spectrum of its mandate.

Under these difficult and dangerous circumstances, the Agency's efforts to support nuclear safety and security in Ukraine are crucial.

We are in particular deeply concerned about the situation in and around the Zaporizhzhia plant.

We are grateful to the Director General and his staff for their persistent work in line with the seven pillars defined by the Director General.

We also salute the efforts of the Agency and the mission led by the Director General.

We urge Russia to withdraw immediately its military forces and all other unauthorised personnel from the Zaporizhzhia Plant and all of Ukraine.



Mr. President

We were disappointed that Russia blocked a consensus outcome at the recent NPT Review Conference. The NPT will, however, remain the cornerstone of the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation architecture.

Discussions at the Conference underlined the crucial role the IAEA plays in preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and ensuring the peaceful use of nuclear technology.

We fully support the IAEA safeguards system.

The IAEA's role in verifying and monitoring the JCPoA is critically important for the credibility of the Agreement.

For this reason, we are pleased to continue to contribute financially to this work in addition to our significant contribution to the Nuclear Security Fund.

We support a return to the JCPoA and its full implementation but the many steps taken by Iran in contravention of the JCPoA are a cause for deep concern.

Therefore, we urge Iran to cooperate fully with the Agency and return to full compliance with the agreement.

We also urge Iran to implement its safeguards obligations so all outstanding questions can be solved.

Turning to the DPRK,

Let me also thank the IAEA for its continuing efforts to observe and report on the development of the DPRK's nuclear programme.



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We condemn the DPRK's clear failure to comply with its international obligations.

We call for complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization as required by the UN Security Council.

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We look to the Agency to provide standards and guidance on nuclear safety and security.

Technological development must be accompanied by development of safety and security standards.

Accidents or incidents will have cross-border effects.

Therefore, we must develop and promote nuclear safety and security worldwide.

We thank the IAEA for conducting two nuclear safety-related peer review missions to Denmark over the past year.

These missions provided important feedback and will contribute to further strengthening our nuclear safety provisions.

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Denmark has made the decision not to include nuclear power in our own energy mix.



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We respect, however, the choice of other Member States and the Agency's statutory obligations.

We acknowledge that nuclear technology can contribute to increase energy security and reduce CO2 emissions at global level.

And we support the IAEA's technical cooperation work in such crucial areas as human health, food security, water and the environment.

Therefore, we have been pleased to pledge our full share of the Technical Cooperation Fund target for 2023.

Mr. President

In closing, let me thank the Director General and the dedicated staff of the IAEA for their invaluable contribution to building a safer and more prosperous world.

Especially for the courageous efforts of the mission led by the Director General to the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant.

We will continue our cooperation with IAEA and with other Member States to advance the mandate of the Agency.

This week, Denmark hopes to be elected to the Board of Governors. We look forward to contributing actively and constructively to the work of the Board.

We would be grateful for the support of the General Conference for our candidacy.

Thank you, Mr. President