



**REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE**

# **STATEMENT**

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**Mr. President,**

**Director General of International Atomic Energy Agency,**

**Excellences,**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

1. On behalf of the Delegation of the Republic of Mozambique, it is my pleasure and privilege to address the 66th Regular Session of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

I join other speakers to warmly congratulate you Ambassador Alessandro Cortese and your Team on your election to lead the 66<sup>th</sup> the General Conference of the IAEA.

I assure you, Mr. President, of Mozambique's Delegation full support and cooperation in achieving the goals and objectives of this General Conference.

**2. Mr. President,**

Mozambique, is committed to promote and achieve sustainable and socio-economic development through the peaceful application of nuclear science and technology in the industry, healthcare service, agriculture, water resources management, environment, and mineral resources for the national development.

3. To achieve this goal, Mozambique recognizes the key role of the IAEA as the main vehicle for international cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology. The IAEA Technical Cooperation

Program remains vital and indispensable in building national capacity through the acquisition of relevant skills, knowledge and equipment in the area of nuclear science and technology

4. In the context of energy, it is well known that the energy produced from fossil fuels is responsible for about half of man-made greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to hydropower and renewable energies, nuclear energy is an alternative for the production of relatively clean and economically viable energy. As the Director-General Grossi said in his opening statement *“The energy crisis has prompted many countries, and many ordinary people who in the past gave nuclear power little thought, to turn in its favor. This presents an opportunity for the sector and increases the volume and the importance of the IAEA’s work”*.

**5. Mr. President,**

Nuclear techniques prove to be indispensable for diagnosis and medical treatment. In particular case of cancer treatment, radiotherapy is a fundamental and indispensable tool for the cure of certain types of cancer. In this context, Mozambique congratulates the IAEA Director General, on his recent Rays of Hope Initiative launched in Addis Ababa at the African Union Summit in February 2022. This initiative will bring radiotherapy services to more than 20 African countries.

**6. Mr. President,**

Mozambique recognize that nuclear safety and security is a national responsibility, but also a global issue, as "an accident anywhere is an accident everywhere." In this regard, Mozambique ratified the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials (CPPNM) in

July 2005. So, we take this opportunity to inform that on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, during the Treaty Event, Mozambique deposited the ratification instrument to the CPPNM Amendment.

**7. Mr. President,**

To conclude, I reaffirm the commitment of the Government of Mozambique in meeting its obligations and maximizing its support to the mandate of the IAEA.

Thank you for your attention!