

**NATIONAL STATEMENT OF SINGAPORE AT THE 66<sup>TH</sup> IAEA  
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Mr President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,

1 Let me begin by congratulating you, Mr President, on your election as President of this General Conference, and assure you of Singapore's full support and cooperation. My delegation also thanks Director General Grossi and the Secretariat for their tireless efforts in carrying out the IAEA's important mandate in an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape.

2 The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) is under strain. We regret that it has been 12 years since a review conference has been able to issue a substantive outcome. We were close to achieving consensus on a Final Document at the 10<sup>th</sup> Review Conference, but ultimately Member States were unable to bridge the differences. Amid such challenging circumstances, the IAEA has remained a bulwark in upholding the international non-proliferation regime, including through its essential safeguards verification activities. It is also assisting developing countries attain the Sustainable Development Goals through the safe and secure application of nuclear technology for peaceful uses. We remain confident that the Agency will continue to deliver on its mandate in a professional, objective, and transparent manner.

3 Singapore has been closely following the discussions on restoring the full and effective implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in Vienna, which are in the final stages. Despite having been tested by various challenges in recent years, the JCPOA remains an essential part of the international nuclear non-proliferation architecture. Singapore is thus deeply concerned that some of its thresholds continue to be tested, particularly amid the lack of surveillance and monitoring by the Agency. We hope that all parties will intensify efforts to reach an agreement and uphold their respective obligations under the JCPOA.

4 Recent developments in the DPRK are another cause for concern. We urge the DPRK to cease immediately all provocative actions that may raise tensions on the Korean Peninsula, and fully abide by its long-standing

international obligations and commitments, including those under the relevant UN Security Council resolutions (UNSCRs). Singapore takes our obligations under the relevant UNSCRs seriously, and remains a strong advocate for meaningful engagement and constructive dialogue to resolve differences and promote peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula. We look forward to the resumption of such dialogue.

5           On nuclear safety and security, we welcome the IAEA's continued efforts to ensure the safety and security of nuclear facilities in Ukraine, and upholding the seven indispensable pillars outlined by the Director General. In particular, we appreciate his securing of visits to nuclear facilities in Ukraine, most recently by the IAEA Support and Assistance Mission to Zaporizhzhya (ISAMZ) during which he led a team of experts across the frontlines. We note the Director General's conclusion that the current situation is untenable and the best way to ensure the safety and security of Ukrainian nuclear facilities and its personnel would be for the armed conflict to end immediately. Singapore reiterates our call for the immediate cessation of hostilities, and a swift return to diplomacy for a peaceful settlement of the dispute in accordance with the UN Charter and international law.

6           Singapore reiterates our support for the IAEA's efforts in securing the safety and security of radioactive sources. We are pleased to announce our support for the Supplementary Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources; and the Supplementary Guidance on the Management of Disused Radioactive Sources to the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources.

Mr President,

7           The IAEA's Technical Cooperation (TC) Programme remains a vital component of its mandate, which assists developing Member States, particularly Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States, tackle evolving challenges, and achieve their development goals. As the main vehicle through which the IAEA provides such assistance to Member States, it is imperative that the TC Programme is sufficiently resourced. Singapore has hosted fellowship attachments, organised scientific visits, as well as training workshops and events in fields such as nuclear safety, nuclear regulatory law, nuclear medicine, and radiation protection.

8           We continue to support the IAEA’s technical cooperation efforts, including through renewing the Singapore-IAEA Third Country Training Programme and strengthening collaboration through the 2019 IAEA-ASEAN Practical Arrangements. The Country Programme Framework we signed in 2021 will guide our technical cooperation projects on priority areas such as nuclear and radiation safety and security, environmental monitoring, food safety, human health, and energy and industry.

Mr President,

9           Under Director General Grossi’s able stewardship, the Agency has navigated complex challenges and continues to provide support to Member States in all areas of its core work. Singapore underscores our continued strong support for the IAEA. We look forward to working with fellow Member States, as a member of the Board of Governors, to ensure that the Agency remains able to fully discharge its mandate.

Thank you, Mr President.

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