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**Mr. President,
Director General,
Excellences,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

At the outset, my delegation wishes to join other delegations in congratulating you on your well-deserved election as the President of the 66th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency. We commend the manner in which you and other Members of the Bureau have been steering the work of this session and we pledge maximum support and cooperation.

I would also like to congratulate your predecessor for the exemplary work done during the 65th session.

Mr. President

Nuclear science and technology is a vital tool in achieving the global development agenda in many areas including human health, food production, water management, energy, and environmental protection. In view of this, it is the resolve of my country to strengthen our Technical Cooperation with the Agency through the new Country Programme Framework (CPF) 2023 -2027. The CPF covers eight priority areas namely Nuclear Legal Framework; Nuclear and Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security; Food and Agriculture; Human Health; Water Resources Management; Energy Planning; Industry; and Nuclear Knowledge Development and Management.

Mr. President

In the opening of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, there were clear indications that the world is off track in the implementation and achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022, Mr. António Guterres, the United Nations Secretary-General states and I

quote: *'We must rise higher to rescue the Sustainable Development Goals – and stay true to our promise of a world of peace, dignity and prosperity on a healthy planet.* End of quote.

Thus, for my country, the proposed Technical Cooperation Programme under the CPF will largely contribute to the realisation of SDGs 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15, and 17. We hope that the resources to be allocated will facilitate achieving the objectives of the Technical Cooperation Programme between the United Republic of Tanzania and the IAEA under the new Technical Cooperation Cycle, focusing on end-user-oriented activities with visible social-economic impact.

Mr. President

It is unfortunate that cancer continues to take away innocent lives of millions of people in a world that is not short of resources; technology and scientific know how; modern equipment; human personnel; and new ways of treatment. The United Republic of Tanzania has 42,000 annual incidences of cancer with a mortality rate of up to 67%. It is in this regard, my delegation welcomes this year's theme for the **Scientific Forum** namely **"Rays of Hope"**. It is the view of my delegation that this theme will reinvigorate and revive hopes for the cancer victims and we remain steadfast to support it. We seek to join efforts in improving our health care facilities and ensure all those requiring radiotherapy treatment get access to it. We appeal to development partners ranging from governments, global financial institutions, philanthropies and private sector to support the *Rays of Hope* so that it can deliver in its ambitious objectives. Supporting it means saving millions of lives of innocent people especially children and women.

Mr. President

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania recognizes and appreciates the importance of and need for partnership with IAEA in fighting cancer so as to achieve the strategic goals of the National Cancer Control Strategy (2013-2022). In this context, we plan to expand radiotherapy services from existing two centres to six in Zanzibar and Tanzania Mainland. With Agency's ongoing support, the Government has procured a

High Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy Machine for Ocean Road Cancer Institute that will improve the quality of cancer services. We therefore, count on the continued support from the Agency.

Mr. President

The United Republic of Tanzania subscribes to continued support to the African Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training related to Nuclear Science and Technology Programme (AFRA). We believe that through this programme, the efforts to strengthen nuclear technology applications will be enhanced. Our country is grateful to member states that are providing extra-budgetary support to ensure the successful implementation of IAEA's Peace Programmes and Initiatives, and we urge other international partners to join hands.

Mr. President

My delegation appreciates and salutes the IAEA officials who work tirelessly to provide technical support to the United Republic of Tanzania. These efforts have further strengthened the partnership and cooperation with the Agency.

Mr. President,

Finally, I would like to reiterate my country's support to the Agency as we move together in advancing nuclear science and technology which contributes to peaceful and sustainable development of the humankind; flora and fauna; and the world in general.

I thank you Mr. President