

STATEMENT

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Mr. President,

1. On behalf of the Delegation of Viet Nam, I would like to extend our warm congratulations to you on your election as the President of the 66th Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference. I am convinced that the General Conference will achieve a great success under your rich experience and distinguished leadership.

2. Viet Nam appreciates the tremendous efforts and remarkable achievements of the Agency in fulfilling its mission in using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes to develop, and to ensure safety and security throughout the world, particularly under the circumstance of many challenges posed by Covid-19 pandemic.

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Distinguished delegates,

3. In this regard, Viet Nam reaffirms its commitment to promote the application of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, for sustainable development, especially in solving global issues through the IAEA initiatives and projects.

4. Besides, it is a great honour for Viet Nam to be Chairman of the Ministerial-level Conference in the framework of RCA in the milestone of 50th RCA anniversary.

Under the auspices of the IAEA, to now, nearly 18 projects have been implemented with fruitful outcomes in the region. On this occasion, we would like to acknowledge the valuable support of the IAEA through the RCA and look forward to the IAEA's continuing close cooperation with the RCA Member States to further expand RCA's mission and vision for the coming 50 years.

5. From national perspective, we would like to thank for and to affirm that the cooperation and support of the IAEA through technical cooperation projects plays an important role, helping Viet Nam to implement its new research reactor project and to gain important achievements in the application of nuclear energy in various field, such as health-care, agriculture, industry, environmental protection, water resources development, response to climate-change, radiation and nuclear safety infrastructure development, etc.

6. The Country Programme Framework (CPF) for the cycle of 2022-2027 has been signed by Viet Nam and the IAEA. The Framework identified priority areas for nuclear technology transfer and technical cooperation to support the national development goals.

Also under Technical Cooperation Programme, Viet Nam has paid efforts to effectively implement the Practical Arrangements for Triangular Cooperation among the IAEA, Cambodia, Lao PDR and Viet Nam.

7. In the field of nuclear security, Viet Nam has continuously affirmed its national commitment on atomic energy applications for peaceful purposes through implementing the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement (CSA) and the Additional Protocol (AP).

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8. In conclusion, Viet Nam appreciates and wishes to thank all IAEA staff for their dedication and efficient performance. We sincerely thank the Agency for its valuable cooperation and assistance. Under the mandate of the IAEA and the guidance of the Board of Governors, you and the Agency can count on the full support of the Vietnamese Government.

Thank you for your kind attention./.