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**The Agency's Draft Budget Update for 2023 (Revised)**

**U.S. Statement as delivered by Ambassador Laura S.H. Holgate**

President,

The United States thanks Board Chair Šrámek and the Secretariat for guiding our months-long negotiations on the price adjustment to the 2023 budget.

We are particularly grateful to the Chair and the members of the Board of Governors for their flexibility and commitment in finding a consensus path forward that protects the organization's financial viability and provides the Agency with the necessary resources to fulfill its crucial mandate.

We applaud Member States for rightfully deciding by consensus to augment the IAEA's budget. Based on our collective work, the Agency's six Major Programmes can now achieve their far-reaching 2023 workplans despite the pressures of extraordinary global inflation and rising energy costs. The IAEA is the singular international organization possessing the subject-matter expertise, capacity, and mandate to facilitate our shared goals for the peaceful use of the atom. An appropriately resourced Agency benefits us all. The IAEA provides solutions to pressing global problems, including fostering climate change mitigation; engendering public confidence in nuclear power through strong safety, security, and safeguards measures; and delivering lifesaving technologies, particularly with respect to cancer, to those in need. We especially appreciate the bold and effective leadership of DG Grossi and the courage and professionalism of his team in placing the IAEA at the front of our most pressing global challenges. They have earned our support and admiration. The Agency is, without doubt, the respected partner of choice to advance the peaceful uses of nuclear

technology and realize the goals of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The United States remains squarely committed to the IAEA and its critical mission. We look forward to our ongoing and enhanced cooperation with the Agency and its Member States over the coming year.

Thank you, President.