



**STATEMENT OF THE ANGOLAN DELEGATION
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Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to begin by congratulating you, H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Vilawan **MANGKLATANAKUL**, of the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand on your election as President of the IAEA General Conference at its 67th Session.

We extend formal congratulations to Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi upon his re-election as the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency for another term.

Additionally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the IAEA family, Cabo Verde and the Gambia. Your inclusion strengthens the diversity and reach of this esteemed organization. To our friends from Cabo Verde, we say '*bem-vindos*' and to our brothers from the Gambia, we

express our heartfelt welcome. We look forward to collaborating closely with both nations to further our shared objectives.

Furthermore, I would like to express our utmost respect and gratitude to Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi for his dynamic and invaluable leadership as the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

His efforts, notably in the fight against cancer through the 'Rays of Hope' programme, stand as a beacon for global health initiatives. Additionally, his championing of environmental sustainability through programs like NUTEC—focused on plastic waste management—emphasizes his comprehensive and versatile approach to the myriad challenges we face.

Mr. President,

As we gather today for the 67th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, it is impossible to ignore the pressing challenges of our time. The current geopolitical tensions have had significant repercussions on energy and food security, and have concurrently elevated concerns about nuclear security, particularly with regard to the Saporizhia Nuclear Power Plant. These events serve as a stark reminder of the deeply interconnected world we inhabit and underscore the urgency of our mission here.

I am honoured to declare that Angola has fortified its commitment to nuclear security through the resumption of our INSSP Mission, in collaboration with the IAEA. I extend heartfelt gratitude to the INSSP team, whose unwavering commitment and unparalleled expertise have been instrumental in advancing this critical initiative.

Mr President,

The IAEA's role in promoting the safe, secure, and peaceful use of nuclear technology is more crucial than ever. We, as member states, bear a collective responsibility to further these aims, made even more pressing by current global challenges.

Our delegation emphasizes the importance of fostering international collaborations in fields such as nuclear medicine, agriculture, and clean energy—sectors vital for sustainable development and global well-being.

In closing, let us utilize this forum to reaffirm our shared commitments to the noble objectives of the IAEA. Through unity and focused action, we can build a secure, sustainable future that not only addresses the challenges of today but anticipates those of tomorrow.

Thank you for your attention.

I Thank you Mr. President