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SHAPING THE FUTURE

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Introduction

Mr. Co-Presidents,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

My delegation congratulates you on your appointment as Co-Presidents of the International Conference on Nuclear Security. We look forward to a successful outcome of our deliberations. Rest assured of our support and cooperation.

As a State Party to the NPT and a Member State of the IAEA, Malaysia remains fully committed to supporting efforts to achieve global nuclear security. Although our focus here centres on nuclear security, there is a continued need to redouble efforts towards the ultimate goal of attaining general and complete disarmament of nuclear weapons.

In this regard, my delegation recalls the unanimous conclusion of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), in its 1996 Advisory Opinion on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons, that *“there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control”*.

All stakeholders must recommit to preventive measures and diplomatic efforts to mitigate nuclear risks. We are duty bound to reinforce global nuclear security and avert any potential disaster. My delegation commends the Director-General and the Agency for their proactive and indispensable role in enhancing the safety, security, and safeguards of the civilian nuclear facilities in Ukraine.

Malaysia's Nuclear Security Cooperation and Contribution within the International Fora

Mr. Co-Presidents,

Malaysia acceded to the view that the risk to nuclear security is more alarming and prevalent, including increasingly becoming transnational cross-border concerns. Therefore, we emphasize the importance of strengthening international coordination of activities, particularly through the IAEA.

Mr. Co-Presidents,

In our collective pursuit of nuclear security capacity-building, Malaysia remains committed in extending support to other Member States and international partners in strengthening related institutions through the Partnership Agreement for the Loaner Pool Initiatives under our Nuclear Security Support Centre (NSSC). Through this initiative, Malaysia proudly supplied radiation detection equipment for security screening during the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

The NSSC continues to share expertise and enhance capabilities in nuclear security, exemplified by our ongoing good practice sharing sessions for IAEA Member States, such as Djibouti, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe.

Malaysia eagerly anticipates increased involvement of experts from developing countries in formulating the IAEA Nuclear Security Series Guidance documents and diverse IAEA missions, ensuring broader effectiveness and inclusivity in nuclear security measures.

Key Achievements: Malaysia's Progress on Nuclear Security

Mr. Co-Presidents,

Malaysia recognises the imperative to institutionalise nuclear security practices. In October 2022, Malaysia successfully concluded the Integrated Nuclear Security Advisory Service (INSServ), thereby raising the level of awareness and understanding on nuclear security practices and systems among our national security key stakeholders.

Recognizing the benefits of such arrangement, we would like to encourage the Agency to focus its efforts on strengthening the INSServ mission.

In this vein, I am pleased to announce the establishment in July 2023 of our Nuclear Response Simulation Centre. This centre, designed to simulate real-world scenarios, aims to enhance detection, response capabilities and operational readiness through seamless collaboration between law enforcement frontline agencies and our national expert agency, the Department of Atomic Energy.

The establishment of the Simulation Centre, funded by the Government of Malaysia, underscores our commitment to

enhancing the capabilities of our Nuclear Security Support Centre (NSSC). We invite interested States and the IAEA to utilise our centre as a training facility, fostering enhanced capabilities and cooperative networks among states.

Nuclear Security Agenda and Way Forward

Mr. Co-Presidents,

In concluding, my delegation recognizes the distinction between nuclear security and nuclear safety. These two pivotal domains should be synchronized and synergized, with a view to achieve efficient utilization of resources for the benefit of Member States.

Malaysia hopes that the outcomes of this Conference will help us shape the future direction and priorities for our nuclear security agenda, including in developing the Nuclear Security Plan 2026-2029, bearing in mind the core principle that States bear the sole responsibility for ensuring effective nuclear security in strict adherence to their national and international obligations.

Thank you, Mr. Co-Presidents.