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ZIMBABWE TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
NUCLEAR SECURITY: SHAPING THE FUTURE,

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Mr. President,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to prelude my remarks by congratulating you, Mr. President, for being elected co-President of this Conference. In that regard, I pledge my delegation's full support during deliberations.

Mr. President,

It is my honour to speak on behalf of the Republic of Zimbabwe at this Ministerial Session of the International Conference on Nuclear Security running under the theme: Shaping the Future. The theme of the Conference presents an opportunity for States to come together to advance the sustainability of their shared interests.

Our appreciation also to the Secretariat for their outstanding work and commitment to the cause of safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear science and technology : and their contribution to international peace and security as well as to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Zimbabwe re-affirms its commitment to contributing to global nuclear security and supports the central role of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in the co-ordination of international activities in the field of nuclear security. The IAEA has played a crucial role in strengthening the global nuclear security regime through promoting multilateralism. International cooperation in this area is important as it allows for a more

inclusive, coordinated, and sustainable global nuclear security architecture for the common benefit and security of all.

Mr. President,

Zimbabwe actively supports the IAEA Nuclear Security Plan, and is implementing the Integrated Nuclear Security Sustainability Plan (INSSP) as a mechanism to strengthen the national nuclear security framework. The last review in 2023, recorded significant achievements, particularly in building sustainable national programs for prevention, detection, and response to nuclear security.

Zimbabwe is fully aware of its obligations towards the International Treaties and Conventions relating to nuclear security and the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540. The Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty and is a Member State to the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Treaty. My country continues to call on increased pace towards nuclear disarmament.

Mr. President,

Over the past few years Zimbabwe has ratified and acceded to a number of the international instruments including the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material as Amended and the International Convention on the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT) underlying our commitment to global nuclear security and upholding the highest levels of security for nuclear and radioactive materials. Implementation of obligations from these instruments have already been initiated and will be further strengthened through the Radiation Protection Amendment Bill set to be tabled in Parliament.

Zimbabwe continues to call for increased regional collaboration to combat illicit trafficking of nuclear and other radio-active materials. The strategic position of my country in the SADC Region allows for us to play a more active and coordinating role as we push for the universalization of the instruments for a more secure world.

We remain appreciative of the support from the IAEA in providing expert assistance and human resources capacity development. Within the current INSSP implementation cycle, Zimbabwe looks to upgrade the physical protection of high activity sources and facilities. In the same contest my country shall host an International Physical Protection Advisory Service (IPPAS) Mission in 2024.

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Zimbabwe stands ready to play its part in strengthening global nuclear security and in international collaboration.

I THANK YOU!!