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Ministers, Distinguished Delegates

It is both a privilege and an honor to address you today in this important Ministerial that puts at the top of our agendas the common challenges we do face.

IAEA crucial role in preventing nuclear-proliferation has been at the spotlight for understandable reasons recently. Albania deeply appreciates and supports this crucial aspect of your work.

But, at the same time, we believe that nuclear technology yields an increasing potential that can help us find common, affordable and applicable solutions in many fields.

Such as, the food safety and security, climate change, clean energy, water security and of course, healthcare.

In healthcare, nuclear applications lie at the foundation of "One Health" policies, advancing diagnostic imaging, cancer treatment, and disease prevention in ways that can save countless lives.

In Albania, with continued support from the IAEA, we are successfully strengthening nuclear medicine services and improving cancer outcomes in line with our National Cancer Action Plan 2022–2030.

These efforts have significantly improved both the quality and accessibility of cancer treatment for patients in Albania.

Thanks to the IAEA's assistance, we now have a well-distributed array of diagnostic imaging equipment, including radiography, CT scanners, and magnetic resonance imaging.

This infrastructure provides a level of care that is, on average, comparable to that of many European countries.

Albania is also a beneficiary of over 60 technical cooperation projects with the IAEA. Each project has contributed increasingly impactful results.

In Albania's case, I would like to underline, our partnership takes place against the backdrop of EU integration process.

Only last month we officially opened the accession talks. I believe this historical moment reflects not only our aspirations for integration, but also our dedication to fulfilling our commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals.

In all of this context, our partnership is crucial to reaching our national aspiration of being a proud EU member based on technology, multilateral agreements and social responsibility.

In closing, I would like to say it clearly that the challenges we face, be it climate change, food insecurity, or public health, know no borders.

They demand solutions that surpass politics or geography.

This is why, I would like to use this opportunity to renew Albania's appreciation and readiness to all like-minded partners and UN Agencies, to work together for our common goals.

Albania has been, is and will continue to be a dedicated member of the international community, eager to strengthen international cooperation in all fields, including that of healthcare, science and nuclear energy.

Thank you for your attention!

