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Statement of the Head of the delegation of Brazil, Ambassador Fernando Luís Lemos Igreja

First of all, Brazil thanks the United Arab Emirates for organizing this International Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Power in the 21st Century. This event represents a timely and useful opportunity for the nuclear sectors across the world to strengthen their ties, to further promote the importance of nuclear power in the 21st century, and to discuss challenges facing this critical area.

2. As a founding member of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Brazil has always supported the Agency's mission to "accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world".

3. In Brazil, today, more than ever, nuclear energy is a significant source of prosperity and security for our citizens. Our diversified and robust nuclear sector ensures that the economic, social and technological benefits of harnessing the atom are available over a wide variety of fields to an increasing number of individuals.

4. Brazil has made considerable advances in three main pillars of its nuclear policy: energy generation, indigenous development of nuclear fuel cycle, and isotope production of nuclear medicine. In that respect, it is important to mention the ongoing project with Argentina to build a Multipurpose Reactor.

5. Nuclear technology has a fundamental role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by offering a large range of applications, and providing an integrated response to economic, social and environmental challenges.

6. One of the greatest threats facing global society, climate change has a disruptive impact that deepens social inequalities, affecting especially the most vulnerable and poor.

7. For this reason, Brazil has increasingly invested in renewable, secure and competitively-priced energy sources. Our decades-long experience with nuclear power generation encourages us to redouble efforts to bring the Angra 3 plant quickly on-stream. This will pave the way to making nuclear generation a strategic component of our energy mix in coming decades.

8. In order to adapt to the country's development needs and to the evolving global landscape, Brazil's nuclear industry sector is undergoing institutional changes. A high-level government committee has been established involving different ministries and the private sector in order to articulate a coherent and coordinated policy for the nuclear sector.

9. We are confident that the exchange of ideas and good practices during this Conference will enlighten us further on how to "accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world".