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Madame President,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the President of the 61st General Conference. I am confident that under your able leadership this Conference will attain all its objectives. Allow me also to congratulate all members of the Bureau. Rest assured of our full support and cooperation throughout the Session.
2. My special congratulations also go to Grenada as a new member of the Agency, and Indonesia looks forward to building cooperation with Grenada.

Madame President,

3. Indonesia welcomes the progress and achievements in the overarching activities of the Agency, particularly in the development of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, which contributes positively to peace, health, and prosperity throughout the world.
4. Nevertheless, the world is still overshadowed by the threat of nuclear weapons. The gap between nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament continues to widen. A breakthrough, therefore, is needed. In this regard, Indonesia welcomes the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of the Nuclear Weapons on the 7th of July 2017, which was agreed to by 122 countries. Indonesia looks forward to the early entry into force and universalization of the Treaty.
5. Indonesia welcomes the report issued by the Director General of the IAEA, published on 31 August 2017, regarding the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015) on the JCPOA by the Islamic Republic of Iran. Indonesia hopes that this positive development will encourage all Parties to continue their support for the implementation of the Plan of Action as agreed.

Madame President,

6. Indonesia is eager to support the Agency in strengthening its valuable contribution to the fulfillment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including through the Technical Cooperation Programme. In this regard, Indonesia renders its efforts to mobilize resources to complement the Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF) through extra-budgetary means and hosting technical cooperation activities as government cost sharing.
7. Indonesia stands ready to continue working with the Agency, not only as a beneficiary, but also as a provider of technical cooperation for other members. The establishment of the IAEA Collaborating Centre at the National Nuclear Energy Agency of Indonesia is meant, among other things, to serve this purpose.
8. In support of the TC Programme in the Asia Pacific region, Indonesia has launched the Regional Capacity Building Initiative (RCBI). This initiative is aimed at promoting resource mobilization and optimizing the use of regional resources for capacity building.
9. Indonesia will also continue its support for the IAEA's Peaceful Uses Initiative (PUI) in 2018, in the forms of expert participation and the provision of support to developing countries in developing their regulatory activities, under the South-South Cooperation framework.

Madame President,

10. Indonesia welcomes positive developments on nuclear applications, including the modernization of the Agency's laboratories in Seibersdorf, where the new Insect Pest Control Laboratory will be inaugurated on September 25th and the funding target for the construction of the third floor of the Flexible Modular Laboratory has been achieved.
11. On nuclear applications in the field of health, industry, and food processing, Indonesia is currently constructing a gamma irradiator facility, which is expected to be in operation by early 2018, and to function as a pilot project for other similar irradiators by local governments and the private sector.

12. By using mutation breeding techniques, Indonesia has successfully improved the quality of local rice. Currently, 22 mutant rice varieties have been officially released by the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia, with an average productivity of seven tons per hectare, higher than the national average of five tons per hectare.
13. I would also like to announce that Indonesia is preparing to organize the first Asia-Pacific Food Forum in Jakarta, on 30th – 31st of October 2017, which is aimed at discussing ways to transform the global food system into a system that is more resilient and adaptive to challenges, but is also accessible to all people.

Madame President,

14. Indonesia is furthering its efforts to develop and strengthen its nuclear security infrastructure, *inter alia* through important progress in fuel conversion from HEU to LEU, the installation of radiation portal monitors in its main ports, the establishment of I-CoNSEP as a center of excellence in nuclear security and emergency preparedness, and the implementation of relevant international instruments on nuclear security.
15. While keeping its national progress on track, Indonesia strongly believes that to achieve effective security, nuclear security efforts must be pursued in a comprehensive manner, where disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful uses are mutually reinforcing. We also call upon States to make sure that nuclear safety and security do not hamper the inalienable right of States to develop and use nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

Madame President,

16. Indonesia appreciates the Agency's continuing support to Indonesia's efforts in the development of its nuclear energy programme. The Site and External Events Design (SEED) Mission which was conducted throughout 2015 – 2016 is beneficial in addressing the regulatory aspect of the non-commercial power reactor project.

17. As Indonesia embarks on its nuclear energy program, we note the increasing national confidence and public acceptance of the nuclear energy. Based on annual public opinion surveys, the public acceptance level has tended to increase during the last five years, with the highest acceptance level measured, 77,53% at the end of 2016.
18. This number shows Indonesian citizens' confidence in the importance of nuclear energy as part of the national energy mix to meet electrical power demand.
19. Turning to management issues, I would like to thank the Director General and the Secretariat for their efforts in increasing representation of under-represented countries in the recruitment of Agency staff, especially at professional and managerial levels. I would like to appeal to them to continue this effort as a matter of priority, as well as to ensure gender balance in the Agency's personnel and programmes.

Madame President,

20. To conclude, my delegation wishes to reiterate Indonesia's commitment and readiness to continue supporting the work of the Agency, including by providing high quality audit services with a view to promoting its accountability and transparency.

I thank you, Madame President.