

## STATEMENT

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*Madame President,*

1. On behalf of the Delegation of Viet Nam, I would like to extend our warm congratulations to you on your election as the President of the Six-first Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference. I am convinced that with rich experience and distinguished leadership you will lead the General Conference to a great success.

2. The Delegation of Viet Nam would like to congratulate Dr. Yukiya Amano on his reappointment as Director General of the Agency for the next 4 years. The Vietnamese Government continues to fully support him on this very important position.

3. We would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome the Republic of Grenada as new Member State of the Agency. It is our belief that this new member will contribute to enhancing the important role of this international organization.

4. Looking back at the IAEA's activities from the previous Conference, the Viet Nam delegation appreciated the tremendous efforts and remarkable achievements of the Agency in fulfilling its mission in using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes to develop, and to ensure safety and security throughout the world.

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*Distinguished delegates,*

5. Based on the achievements over the past 10 years, Viet Nam continues to implement the Strategy for Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy to promote research and application of radiation and radioactive isotopes in the country's socio-economic development, ensuring nuclear safety, security and non-proliferation.

6. We are pleased to emphasize that within the margin of the

Viet Nam's Country Programme Framework for the period of 2016-2021, Viet Nam continues to receive effective assistance from the IAEA through technical cooperation projects involving nuclear science and technology, including radiation and radioactive isotopes application in the fields of health, agriculture, industry, environmental protection, food security, response to climate-change and nuclear infrastructure development.

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7. Agriculture is an important economic sector in Viet. With its enormous potential, atomic energy is used in plant quarantine, agricultural product preservation; production of biological active ingredients from agricultural by-products; soil, fertilizer, and plant nutrition management and environmental protection; plant protection. Especially, about the mutant method in the field of plant breeding, by the end of 2016, Viet Nam had 67 new mutant varieties created by this method and made important contribution to ensure food security of the country.

Irradiation activities have increased the ability of irradiation in controlling Viet Nam's fresh foods that brings high value for production before exporting.

Sterile Insect Technique has been continuously received attention for the prevention of harmful insects on dragon fruit. Up to now, about 1,000 ha of dragon fruit have benefited from the IAEA-funded project.

8. The most widely used and effective field of atomic energy in Viet Nam is in health-care. Currently, Viet Nam has had 12 PET/CT and 6 Cyclotron Centers. Dalat Research Reactor has been successfully used for producing various radioisotopes used in nuclear medicine and other economic and technical fields.

We affirm that the cooperation and support of the IAEA plays an important role, helping Viet Nam to gain important achievements in the application of atomic energy in health-care.

9. Application of isotopes and nuclear techniques in environmental studies has also been emphasized in Viet Nam through research activities on radioactive emissions, groundwater and surface water studies, climate change research and studies on

contamination causes in some areas of the country.

10. In the field of nuclear safety, Viet Nam has actively participated and contributed to the success of the Seventh Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, as well as to the full obligations as a Contracting Party to the Convention.

11. Viet Nam is gradually enhancing its infrastructure for emergency response. In June 2017, Viet Nam Prime Minister signed the National Radiation and Nuclear Emergency Response Plan. Along with that, many provinces have approved the Provincial Radiation and Nuclear Emergency Response Plan as well as implement the Emergency Response exercises.

12. Concerning the management of disused sources, Viet Nam is implementing a project to collect disused sources which are currently scattered located at vulnerable facilities to the centralized storage to ensure safety and security.

13. In the field of nuclear security, within the framework of the Integrated Nuclear Security Supporting Plan, Viet Nam has been supported by the IAEA in enhancing its radioactive detection capability with setting up radioactive detection portals at Noi Bai International Airport.

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14. Along with strengthening cooperation with the IAEA, Viet Nam attaches great importance to bilateral and multilateral cooperation, in which we continue to cooperate with the United States, Japan, Republic of Korea, Russia, the EC and so on in the field of safety, security, safeguards and liability for nuclear compensation; cooperation with Russia to negotiate towards the decision to launch the project of The Center for Nuclear Science and Technology with the new research reactor construction; and cooperation with other countries in the research and application of nuclear technology as well as in nuclear regulatory cooperation.

15. Viet Nam has always fulfilled its obligations and commitments to the IAEA, including the provision of necessary resources for technical cooperation projects, contribution to the National Participation Costs and in-kind contribution in 2017. Together with the Agency, Viet Nam has successfully organized

numbers of IAEA workshops and trainings.

16. In conclusion, the Delegation of Viet Nam appreciates and wishes to thank all IAEA staff for their dedication and efficient performance; I sincerely thank the Agency for its valuable cooperation and assistance, and I hope that the IAEA will continue to concentrate its effective collaborative efforts to help developing Member States achieve their goals to safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear energy for their socio-economic development. We reaffirmed our full support for the IAEA's activities in strengthening and promoting the application of nuclear science and technology for a world of peace, stability, cooperation and prosperity.

*Thank you for your kind attention./.*