Statement by

The Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

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Cluster 3: Peaceful uses of nuclear energy

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered in this Cluster by the Group of Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement Parties to the NPT, and its relevant working papers.

We would like to stress that the right to use and develop nuclear energy and technologies should not be restricted in any way for the purpose of preventing proliferation. The full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of Article IV of the NPT plays a vital role in achieving the Treaty's objective.

Furthermore, to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy, Indonesia is of the view that as a fundamental principle, preferential treatment should be given to the non-nuclear weapons States Parties to the Treaty. Such preferential treatment should also take into account the particular needs of developing countries.

We would like to highlight that peaceful use of nuclear energy also supports the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, taking into account its economic, environmental, health and agricultural benefits. We also believe that peaceful use of nuclear energy is one of the policy options to support economic development, through secure energy supply.

Mr. Chairman,

As an essential element for the implementation of Article IV of the NPT, Indonesia fully support the IAEA Technical Cooperation and encourages all parties to the Treaty to continue and enhance their support for and contributions to this program.

Within this framework, Indonesia has consistently worked to enhance its support for and contribution, through regular contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund, government cost-sharing and other extra budgetary contributions, such as the IAEA Peaceful Uses Initiative.

Indonesia recently signed a Practical Arrangement with the IAEA to enhance technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC) and strengthen south-south cooperation, capacity building, and further plans to channel the contribution to support least developed countries both in the Pacific and Africa region.

Indonesia looks forward to the Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology scheduled for the end of this year. We hope this event will further promote and raise awareness of the importance of nuclear science technology for development.

Mr. Chairman,

On the issue of export control, Indonesia stresses that the attainment of non-proliferation objectives, including through export control mechanism, must be pursued in a comprehensive, balanced, and inclusive manner under applicable international law, and without hampering import and export of dual-use goods and technology.
Lastly, my delegation would like to reiterate its believe that this PrepCom will reaffirm the validity of Article IV in ensuring that no State Party is limited in the exercise of its rights to research, produce and use nuclear energy and technologies for peaceful purposes.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.