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Mr. Chairman,

Romania fully aligns itself with statement of the European Union and welcomes this opportunity to reaffirm, in national capacity, its commitment to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy, as stipulated in Article IV of the NPT.

We reiterate the support for the inalienable right of all the parties to the Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, in accordance with the provisions of the NPT. Any use of nuclear materials and technologies must remain exclusively for peaceful purposes by fully respecting IAEA’s highest standards of safety security and non-proliferation.

The Additional Protocol and the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement play a critical role, reason for which they must become universal in order to strengthen IAEA’s capacity to detect and respond to non-compliance.

Promoting and implementing the highest safety, security and non-proliferation standards by all NPT States Parties is crucial for ensuring the safe use of nuclear energy. Romania has demonstrated throughout the years a strong commitment to nuclear safety and has significantly strengthened its regulatory framework for nuclear and radiation safety, making important progress related to the management of radioactive waste and nuclear spent fuel.

Romania has gained a very large expertise in the field of nuclear safety and security. We are constantly ready to provide training and assistance bilaterally or through the IAEA Technical Cooperation (TC) Programme, which help other Member States build and improve their systems and personnel.

Romania is a strong supporter of the IAEA’s TC Programme, to which we continue providing voluntary financial contributions. We fully understand that we have to be responsible in promoting the development of the peaceful applications of nuclear technology. To this extend, we use the TC Programme as a platform to disseminate in the region the lessons learned and the good practices in this sector.
Romania welcomes the results of the IAEA Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology (Vienna, 28-30 November 2018), which provided a unique opportunity for holding high-level dialogue on nuclear science, technology and applications for peaceful uses, on both ministerial and technical experts segments.

To conclude, I would like to reiterate Romania’s commitment to work closely with all States Parties to NPT, IAEA, and other international organizations to promote the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.