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Madam Chair,

At the outset, Viet Nam associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

Nuclear technology provides unique means to improve quality of life with multiple useful applications in medicine, agriculture, construction, electricity, etc. It has great potential to contribute to socio-economic development of every nation, particularly to the implementation of SDGs. Therefore, we support the inalienable right of states to pursue the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

In this regards, we highly appreciate the role of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) its support to member states, especially developing countries, with over 1000 current technical cooperation projects.

Madam Chair,

Viet Nam is party to almost all international treaties on nuclear safeguards, security and safety. We have adhered to all six nuclear safety and security treaties under IAEA auspices, including the conventions on nuclear safety (2010), on safety on spent fuel, radioactive waste management (2014) on early notification (1987), assistance (1987) in the case of a nuclear accident and the Convention (2012) and its Amendment (2016) on physical protection of nuclear material. In addition, we have also acceded (2016) to the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT).
The full implementations of these treaties help ensure that nuclear energy is used in a safe and secured manner. Therefore, we call upon State Parties, who have yet done so, to join these treaties, including the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident, and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency.

**Madam Chair,**

The coming up 2020 NPT Review Conference is an opportunity for us to further improve the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

*First,* international cooperation should be strengthened, including through the IAEA, regional arrangement, as well as bilateral projects. The IAEA should step up its support to State Parties and regional bodies.

*Second,* transfer of technology and knowledge is key, and our developed partner countries have an important role to play improving it.

*Third,* nuclear energy applications must be safe and secured, meeting the highest standards. We call on all countries to adhere to all relevant international treaties and IAEA standards.

**Madam Chair,**

Viet Nam is prepared to work with all countries and international bodies to ensure nuclear energy serve peaceful purposes for all.

I thank you Madam Chair./.