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Mr. Chair

Today, more than ever, the peaceful uses of nuclear energy represent an opportunity to advance sustainable development, scientific progress, and societal resilience. We approach this Review Conference with a clear conviction: that the benefits of nuclear science and technology must remain accessible, safe, and strictly oriented toward peaceful purposes.

Croatia recognises the essential role of nuclear applications in addressing today's major challenges. When governed responsibly, nuclear technologies directly support public health, food security, environmental protection, and climate resilience, contributing to sustainable development.

While Croatia does not operate nuclear power plants, we rely on nuclear science in medicine, industry, agriculture, and research. In this regard, Croatia is developing a comprehensive legislative and regulatory framework to enable safe introduction of nuclear energy, recognizing its role in strengthening long term energy security, system stability and decarbonization efforts. We continue to strengthen our national regulatory framework, enhance radiation protection, and invest in education and training to support the safe and transparent use of nuclear technologies.

As a member of the European Union, Croatia benefits from a strong regional framework that promotes excellence in nuclear safety and radiation protection. We actively contribute to joint research initiatives, emergency preparedness mechanisms, and the advancement of innovative technologies. We believe that international cooperation—scientific, technical, and regulatory—is the key to ensuring that peaceful nuclear applications remain safe, accessible, and beneficial for all.

The IAEA's Technical Cooperation Programme plays a vital role in enabling these benefits. Croatia strongly supports its mission and welcomes initiatives that expand access to nuclear medicine, strengthen food security, and build resilience against global health threats. We encourage continued investment in education, training, and knowledge-sharing, particularly for young professionals, who will shape the future of nuclear science.

The peaceful uses pillar of the NPT must remain a space of equitable access. All states meeting their non-proliferation obligations should benefit from nuclear technology. At the same time, the expansion of peaceful uses must be accompanied by strict adherence to safeguards, responsible management of radioactive materials, and continuous improvement of safety and security practices. We encourage all states to strengthen cooperation, share expertise, and ensure that no country is left behind in accessing peaceful nuclear technologies.

As we look ahead, Croatia believes that the NPT community must reaffirm the balance between its three pillars. Progress in peaceful uses cannot be separated from progress in disarmament and non-proliferation. Only through mutual trust, transparency, and full compliance can we preserve the integrity of the Treaty and ensure that nuclear science remains a force for good.

Mr. Chair,

the peaceful uses pillar of the NPT reflects human progress. It demonstrates that responsibly governed nuclear science can improve lives and strengthen societies. Croatia stands ready to work with all partners to ensure that these benefits continue to grow, while preserving the integrity and credibility of the Treaty.

Thank you.