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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, allow me to **congratulate you on your appointment** as Chair of Main Committee III.

Kazakhstan assures you of its **full support and cooperation**, and we are confident that under your leadership the Committee will advance its work in a constructive and balanced manner.

Distinguished Delegates,

Kazakhstan recognizes the historic and ongoing contributions of the NPT in facilitating cooperation on the **peaceful uses of nuclear energy** and reaffirms its support for the **inalienable right** of all States Parties to develop and use of nuclear energy for **peaceful purposes**, without discrimination and in full conformity with the Treaty.

The global nuclear landscape is undergoing a **profound transformation**.

Today, over **400 nuclear power reactors** generate nearly **10 percent of global electricity**, with projections indicating further expansion in the coming decades.

This reflects a growing recognition that nuclear energy is essential for **energy security, climate mitigation, and meeting**

rising electricity demand, including from rapidly expanding **digital economies and AI systems**.

A landmark event for Kazakhstan was the **nationwide referendum** on building a **nuclear power plant**, reflecting strong public responsibility and readiness for new energy solutions. Supported by IAEA expertise, this decision built solid trust and marked a new stage in Kazakhstan's development as a modern energy nation.

To ensure systematic and sustainable development, the Agency for Atomic Energy of Kazakhstan has been established, and a national nuclear cluster is being formed to bring together industry, science, and education.

In addition, we have adopted a **National Strategy for the Development of the Atomic Sector**, which sets out our long-term vision and priorities in this field.

Kazakhstan rightfully holds a special place in the global nuclear security architecture. **The IAEA Low-Enriched Uranium Bank**, successfully hosted in my country, stands as a unique and important initiative that strengthens global energy stability and reinforces confidence in the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Over the past three decades, Kazakhstan has greatly benefited from the IAEA's **Technical Cooperation Programme**. In order to further strengthen our partnership and align our joint efforts with national priorities, we have updated the **Country Programme Framework**. It focuses on the development of nuclear energy infrastructure, enhancement of nuclear and radiation safety, food security, and the advancement of nuclear medicine. We remain firmly committed to active participation in key IAEA flagship initiatives, including **"ZODIAC"**, **"Rays of Hope"**, and **"Atoms4Food"**.

We attach particular importance to the development of **nuclear medicine**, recognizing its critical role in improving public health, expanding access to modern diagnostics and treatment, and ultimately saving lives.

Kazakhstan is advancing development of its nuclear sector, guided by the importance of **strong human capital** for its sustainable growth. We are working to strengthen a modern system for training a **new generation of specialists**, enhance our scientific and educational base, and further integrate national programs into the global academic community.

Kazakhstan attaches continued importance to the principle of **sovereign equality** within the IAEA and notes with satisfaction the steady progress in upholding this principle among Member States.

In November 2025, Kazakhstan joined the **Far East regional group**, thereby gaining full and effective opportunities to participate in the Agency's decision-making bodies.

Kazakhstan further emphasizes the importance of strengthening **nuclear safety and security frameworks**, especially in the context of emerging challenges, including cyber threats, digitalization, and the responsible application of **artificial intelligence** in the nuclear sector.

In conclusion,

Kazakhstan reaffirms that the peaceful uses of nuclear energy remain a **powerful instrument for advancing sustainable development, climate resilience, and global well-being**.

We remain committed to working with all partners in a **constructive and consensus-oriented manner** to achieve a **balanced, forward-looking outcome** of the 2026 Review Conference.

Thank you.