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Mr. Chair,

Nigeria aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the African Group and wishes to make the following remarks in its national capacity.

2. Nigeria reaffirms that the inalienable right of all States Parties to develop research, production, and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, without discrimination, remains a fundamental pillar of the Treaty. The full and balanced implementation of Article IV is essential to maintaining the credibility and sustainability of the NPT.

3. Peaceful uses of nuclear energy represent the most legitimate and beneficial application of nuclear science and technology. Developing countries, including Nigeria, are increasingly utilizing nuclear applications to advance national development priorities, particularly in health, agriculture, water resource management, and energy generation.

4. Nigeria therefore emphasizes that access to nuclear technology for peaceful purposes must not be subject to undue restrictions. The free exchange of materials, equipment, and scientific knowledge is a treaty obligation and must be upheld.

Mr. Chair,

5. Nigeria recognizes the indispensable role of the International Atomic Energy Agency as the sole competent authority for safeguards verification and as the primary vehicle for technical cooperation. We commend the Agency's continued support to Member States, particularly through its Technical Cooperation Programme.

6. However, significant gaps remain. Nigeria calls for enhanced technology transfer, strengthened capacity-building, and predictable and sustainable funding for technical cooperation activities, particularly for developing countries.

Mr. Chair,

7. My delegation also calls for deepened collaboration with the IAEA and development partners in priority areas such as cancer treatment, energy generation, and human resource development.

8. Nigeria underscores that nuclear energy is a clean, reliable, and climate-friendly source of energy. In this regard, we recall the Paris Agreement and emphasize the importance of expanding access to nuclear energy as part of a balanced global energy mix.

9. We also note emerging technologies such as Small Modular Reactors, while stressing that their development must not create new barriers that disadvantage developing countries.

Mr. Chair,

10. Nigeria reiterates that nuclear safety and security measures must be implemented within the framework of the IAEA and must not be used to restrict the rights of States Parties under the Treaty.

11. We further stress the importance of protecting nuclear facilities dedicated to peaceful purposes and call on all States to refrain from attacks or threats against such installations.

12. Nigeria underscores that the peaceful uses pillar holds transformative potential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and advancing global development.

13. In conclusion, Mr. Chair, Nigeria calls for renewed commitment to ensuring that all States Parties fully enjoy their rights under Article IV and remains ready to work constructively towards a balanced and action-oriented outcome.

I thank you.