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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Philippines aligns itself with the statement delivered by NAM and would like to make the following remarks in its national capacity.

The Philippines reiterates its long-standing position that the pillar of the peaceful uses of atomic energy should be co-equal, and not ancillary, to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Under Article IV of the Treaty, States Parties have the inalienable right to pursue nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination.

We acknowledge the transformative potential of nuclear science technology in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as in tackling global challenges. Nuclear technology applications such as nuclear medicine, isotope hydrology, food irradiation, sterile insect technique, NUTEC Plastics, help countries, particularly developing countries in addressing socio-economic development problems. The Philippines cooperates with IAEA in maximizing the benefits of nuclear science and technology and in ensuring that these technologies are deployed and scaled up to promote food security, preserve human and animal health, protect the environment, and strengthen our industries. IAEA's Technical Cooperation (TC) Programme plays an essential role in the transfer of nuclear science and technology to developing countries.

We are proud to have hosted the International High Level Forum on Nuclear Technology for Controlling Plastic Pollution (NUTEC Plastics) in November last year which gathered senior officials, scientists, policy makers, and other stakeholders to discuss the progress in developing the technology for reprocessing plastics and other innovative solutions. The Philippine Nuclear Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology, together with the Industrial Technology Development Institute and its industry partner, Envirotech, developed a breakthrough process that transforms low-value plastic wastes into durable and commercially viable construction materials. The Post-Radiation Reactive Extrusion of Plastic Wastes Project (PREx) Prototype house is a concrete example of a circular economy by upcycling plastic wastes into tiles and roofing.

The Philippines, together with IAEA, has also established a marine microplastics monitoring laboratory at the University of the Philippines - Marine Science Institute. This laboratory equips Filipino researchers with the tools to quantify microplastic pollution with scientific precision.

Recognizing the benefits of nuclear applications for our communities, the Philippines believes that it is crucial to upscale non-power applications to achieve their full commercial potential and their intended multiplier effect. We submitted a Working Paper on “Upscaling the Non-Power Applications of Atomic Energy” for this Review Conference to advance discussions on the importance of upscaling non-power applications and for these applications not to remain as prototypes or pilot projects. We are pleased to have (___) co-sponsors from across regional groups.

As Chair of ASEAN as well as the ASEAN Network of Regulatory Bodies on Atomic Energy (ASEANTOM) this year, the Philippines is committed to strengthening the regional capability of ASEAN Member States in responding to nuclear and radiological emergencies. We will organize an ASEAN Nuclear Emergency Response and Communication Exercise in June this year. The exercise will simulate a severe radiological accident at a hypothetical nuclear power plant with potential transboundary consequences. It aims to strengthen practical regional coordination for a nuclear or radiological emergency scenario, focusing on international notification and information exchange, as well as coordination of public information messaging.

Mr. Chair, the Philippines reaffirms its strong support for the peaceful uses of atomic energy while ensuring nuclear safety, security, and non-proliferation. It is in this spirit that in September 2025, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. signed a landmark law promoting the safe and peaceful use of nuclear energy. The signing of this law reaffirms the Philippine government’s commitment to advancing nuclear science and technology for the benefit of the Filipino people while upholding the highest standards of safety, security, and accountability. In conclusion, I wish to recall President Marcos’ call to move with clarity, confidence, and scientific ambition to ensure that future generations inherit a world where technology safeguards the environment, boosts economies, and increases opportunities for everyone.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

