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Chair,

Sweden is aligned with the statement made by the European Union, and support the working papers presented by France on Strengthening the IAEA safeguards and the Philippines on Upscaling the non-power applications of atomic energy. Let me add some points in my national capacity.

Chair,

Sweden attaches great importance to the full, balanced, and effective implementation of Article IV of the NPT. The right of all States Parties to develop, research, produce, and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, in conformity with the Treaty, remains a cornerstone of the NPT.

The IAEA plays a vital role in strengthening the global nuclear safety regime and contributes to broader international objectives, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Pact for the Future, and the Paris Climate Agreement.

Sweden strongly supports the International Atomic Energy Agency's essential role in enabling the peaceful use of nuclear energy and in ensuring the highest levels of safety, security, and safeguards.

Chair,

Sweden places strong emphasis on the international nuclear-safety conventions and peer-review mechanisms that uphold global confidence in peaceful nuclear activities. We participate fully in review meetings, working groups, and safety-standards committees, and we regularly provide expert support to, as well as host international review missions.

We encourage all States to become party to the nuclear safety related conventions, apply relevant IAEA safety standards and invite peer review missions on a regular basis.

Chair,

Russia's war of aggression is an unprecedented threat to nuclear safety and security in Ukraine, its civilian population and surrounding areas. These risks will persist until Russia ends its war of aggression against Ukraine and withdraws from all Ukrainian territory, including from the Zaporizhzhia NPP, which remains illegally seized by Russia.

In this regard, we reiterate the importance of upholding the IAEA's seven indispensable pillars for ensuring nuclear safety and security in armed conflicts, as well as the five concrete principles established by the IAEA Director General for avoiding an accident at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. Russian attacks on critical infrastructure, including substations, must stop.

IAEA Support and Assistance Missions at all of Ukraine's nuclear power plants is critical. Sweden supports the IAEA's important work in Ukraine, including by an extrabudgetary contribution of 20 million Swedish kronor.

Chair,

Sweden is pursuing an ambitious energy and climate policy. The Swedish Government aims to expand nuclear power capacity by at least 2,500 megawatts by 2035, while achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. Several initiatives have been launched to enable a rapid expansion of nuclear power, while maintaining the highest levels of nuclear safety, security and non-proliferation.

Chair,

International cooperation is essential to fully realize the benefits of civil nuclear energy. Sweden therefore continues to strengthen cooperation on nuclear safety, waste management, radiation protection and regulatory capacity, including through increased support to Ukraine, Moldova and Armenia. Working in close partnership with national authorities, Sweden supports training, institutional development, scientific cooperation and practical assistance to ensure that nuclear technologies are used safely and sustainably.

Sweden is also funding the Nuclear Energy Agency to accelerate Small and Modular Reactors and International Energy Agency to analyse the role of nuclear power in the global energy system.

Chair,

The global community faces immense challenges, including climate change, environmental degradation, food insecurity and disease. Peaceful nuclear cooperation must be strengthened, not constrained, as nuclear science offers proven tools to address these challenges. Our shared responsibility is to ensure universal access to peaceful nuclear technologies, uphold the highest safety and security standards, and preserve the integrity of the NPT.

Sweden will continue to work with determination to advance this essential pillar of the NPT.

Thank you.