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Chair,

Sweden associates itself with the statement made by the European Union. Our general priorities for this committee are also reflected in the working paper and statement presented by the Vienna Group of 10. Let me make some additional points in a national capacity.

Chair,

Sweden reaffirms its strong commitment to the Non-Proliferation Treaty as the cornerstone of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime and a vital pillar of international peace and security. Pillar II is essential to the credibility of the Treaty as a whole, and its effective implementation depends on robust verification, compliance with legal obligations, and sustained international cooperation.

The International Atomic Energy Agency plays an indispensable role in implementing the NPT. We engage closely with other Member States and the Secretariat on matters of relevance to Pillars II and III, and we look forward to taking up our seat on the Board of Governors in September 2026. Sweden will work constructively with all Board members and observers to further the objectives of the IAEA in accordance with its Statute.

Sweden strongly supports the Agency's verification mandate and views comprehensive safeguards agreements, complemented by the Additional Protocol, as the current safeguards system pursuant to Article III of the NPT.

Chair,

Sweden remains deeply concerned by cases of non-compliance with Treaty obligations.

Russia's unjustified and illegal war of aggression continues to challenge the implementation of IAEA safeguards in Ukraine.

For the first time a nuclear power plant, Zaporizhzhia, has been illegally seized and militarised, posing serious challenges and risks to nuclear safety and security – such as the presence of military personnel and placement of military equipment within the plant, lack of licensed personnel, interrupted power supplies and a lack of proper repair and maintenance.

Sweden recognizes the critical role of the IAEA in responding to unprecedented threats to nuclear safety, security and safeguards in Ukraine. We strongly support the Agency's ongoing monitoring and assistance missions and have provided substantial extrabudgetary contributions to this work.

Chair,

Sweden has consistently supported international efforts to address the nuclear programmes of Iran and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea within relevant multilateral forums. Diplomatic engagement remains the only viable path to ensuring Iran's nuclear programme remains exclusively peaceful. Iran must never be allowed to seek, develop or acquire a nuclear weapon. Binding safeguards obligations are non-negotiable and cannot be suspended under any circumstances.

With regard to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Sweden fully supports efforts towards complete denuclearization and a return to compliance with the Treaty.

We commend the IAEA's continued monitoring and preparedness work and remain among the leading contributors of voluntary funding to support future verification.

Chair,

There are other tools that we must deploy to ensure Non-Proliferation standards are upheld. Export controls are one such tool, which facilitates the responsible exchange of civilian nuclear technology. These controls give States the confidence to transfer nuclear technology which supports economic growth and contributes to sustainable development while minimising proliferation risks. Sweden is actively engaged in the Nuclear Suppliers Group and the Zangger Committee and urges all States to adhere to the NSG Guidelines.

Chair,

Effective non-proliferation requires vigilance, cooperation and respect for international law. Sweden will continue to defend these principles and to work with all partners to strengthen implementation of Pillar II and the Treaty as a whole.

Thank you.