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to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,

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Chairperson,

1. Thailand congratulates you on your appointment as Chairperson and assures you of our full support.
2. Thailand associates itself with the statement of the Non-Aligned Movement and would like to add the following remarks in its national capacity.

Chairperson,

3. The **peaceful uses of nuclear energy** remain indispensable for socio-economic development and the achievement **of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Therefore, Thailand reaffirms the inalienable right of all States Parties to develop and use nuclear for peaceful purposes, in accordance with **Article IV of the NPT**, and their respective obligations.

4. The IAEA plays a central role in translating this right into tangible benefits. For almost 70 years, the Agency has advanced the safe, secure, and sustainable use of nuclear technology. Thailand reaffirms its full support for the IAEA in discharging its statutory mandate, particularly through its **Technical Cooperation (TC) Programme**, which delivers many concrete development outcomes across key sectors. In this regard, ensuring sufficient, assured, and predictable resources for TC Programme remains essential.

5. Thailand **continues to benefit from and actively contribute to peaceful nuclear applications**. We are proud to support initiatives such as **Rays of Hope**, including through the **establishment of the Ramathibodi - IAEA Anchor Centre** in Bangkok in 2024, which strengthens national and regional cancer-care capacity. We are also expanding cooperation in food security and environmental protection, demonstrating the concrete development impact of nuclear science when supported by strong **national ownership and effective international partnership**. Thailand stands ready to further enhance **regional cooperation through capacity-building and knowledge sharing** to maximize the impact of peaceful nuclear applications.

6. As **demand grows for sustainable energy and advanced technologies**, nuclear energy is becoming increasingly relevant as a reliable, low-carbon source. Maximizing its benefits requires **sustained investment in human resource, scientific infrastructure, and robust legal and institutional frameworks**. Since the last Review Conference, Thailand has advanced its national legal framework, including a **draft *Act on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage***, with a view to future adherence to relevant international instruments, including **the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage and the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage (CSC)**. Strengthening such frameworks is essential to enhancing public confidence, facilitating international cooperation, and ensuring that nuclear applications are pursued in a safe and responsible manner.

Chairperson,

7. **Nuclear safety and security are indispensable enablers of peaceful uses.** Thailand reaffirms its commitment to strengthening our national standards in line with international obligations. At the same time, Thailand expresses concerns over ongoing conflicts that risk affecting the Agency's work and may pose serious threats to nuclear facilities and related infrastructure. In this regard, we reiterate that **nuclear facilities must never be targeted or affected by military actions under any circumstances**, given the severe risks to human life, the environment, and regional stability.

8. Thailand remains committed to working with all partners to ensure that nuclear technology is accessible, responsibly utilized, and contributes meaningfully to sustainable development. We firmly believe that the strength and integrity of the Treaty rest upon the **full, balanced and non-discriminatory implementation of all its pillars.** While progress has been made, further collective efforts are required to advance these objectives and ensure that the **Treaty remains effective and relevant.**

Thank you.
