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STATEMENT

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Statement by the Republic of Zambia on the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy

**Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,**

Mr. Chairperson may I take this opportunity to congratulate you and your bureau for a wonderful leadership in steering the discussions under this very important pillar. The Republic of Zambia is honored to address this assembly on one of the central pillars of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

For Zambia, this pillar represents both an opportunity and a responsibility. It is an opportunity to harness science and technology to advance sustainable development, improve public health, strengthen food security, and expand access to reliable energy. At the same time, it is a responsibility to ensure that such advancements are pursued safely, securely, and in full compliance with international safeguards.

As a developing nation, Zambia faces pressing challenges in energy deficits, climate vulnerability, and the need for economic diversification. Peaceful nuclear applications offer practical solutions. In agriculture, nuclear techniques can improve crop resilience and combat pests. In medicine, they enable life-saving diagnostics and cancer treatment. In water resource management, isotopic technologies help us better understand and protect our scarce water supplies.

Zambia firmly believes that access to these benefits must not be the privilege of a few, but the right of all states, consistent with their obligations under the NPT. We therefore call for strengthened international cooperation, including technology transfer, capacity-building, and financial support, particularly for developing countries.

We commend the vital role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in promoting the safe, secure, and peaceful use of nuclear science and technology. Zambia remains committed to working closely with the

Agency to build national expertise, enhance regulatory frameworks, and ensure adherence to safeguards.

At the same time, we emphasize that the peaceful use pillar cannot be viewed in isolation. It must be implemented in a balanced manner alongside non-proliferation and disarmament. Trust in the global nuclear regime depends on progress across all three pillars.

Zambia also underscores the importance of safety and security. The expansion of nuclear technologies must be accompanied by robust regulatory systems, transparency, and international oversight to prevent accidents, misuse, or diversion. We encourage continued global dialogue and cooperation to uphold the highest standards in nuclear safety and security.

Furthermore, as the world confronts the urgent challenge of climate change, nuclear energy has the potential to contribute to low-carbon energy transitions. For Zambia, any consideration of nuclear power will be guided by careful assessment, national priorities, and the principles of safety, sustainability, and affordability.

In closing, Mr. Chairperson, Zambia reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the peaceful use of nuclear energy as a force for development and human well-being. We call upon the international community to ensure that this pillar of the NPT remains inclusive, equitable, and firmly anchored in cooperation and trust.

Thank you.