

Remarks at G-77 Event

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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues,

I am very pleased to speak to you today on behalf of IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano, who regrets that he cannot be with us.

I warmly congratulate the G-77 countries on the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Vienna Chapter.

As DG Amano has said many times, the G-77 countries are key partners for the Agency in our work to make nuclear science and technology available to developing countries in ways that make a real difference to the lives of their people.

Many developing countries have acquired a high level of expertise in nuclear technology and there are numerous excellent examples of South-South cooperation. This makes a vital contribution to helping the Agency deliver its technical cooperation programme.

Since 2015, helping countries to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, using relevant nuclear technology, has been an important part of our work.

In fact, the IAEA helps countries to use nuclear science and technology to meet at least nine of the 17 SDGs directly, including those aimed at ending hunger, improving human health, increasing the availability of clean water, and, of course, energy.

Great progress has been made in the last few years in modernising the IAEA nuclear applications laboratories at Seibersdorf.

This is one of the most important projects ever undertaken by the Agency and the backing of the G-77 was critical in making it happen.

We are very grateful for your active support and we hope to see many of you at the inauguration of the new Flexible Modular Laboratory building in November.

In the coming years, we know that we can count on the continued support of all IAEA Member States – and of the G-77 countries in particular – in ensuring that the Agency has the resources to provide the services which you expect of us.

In conclusion, on behalf of Director General Amano, I again express my appreciation for the very constructive role which the G-77 plays in the work of the Agency.

Thank you.