



Statement of the G-77 and China
During the IAEA Board of Governors Meeting
Delivered by H.E. Ambassador Omar Amer Youssef, Permanent
Representative of Egypt
On the Appointment of the Director General

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Madam Chairperson,

The Group of 77 and China warmly congratulates the Argentine Republic and Ambassador Rafael Mariano Grossi on his appointment by the Board of Governors as the new Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and expresses its satisfaction with the appointment of a member of the Group.

The Group would like to thank the Chair of the Board, Ambassador Mikaela Kumlin Granit, for the exemplary manner in which she facilitated the process of appointing the Director General.

The Group expresses its strong conviction that Ambassador Grossi's leadership, experience and knowledge will enhance the work and activities of the Agency in continuing to meet the growing challenges of its Member States, taking into particular account the needs of developing countries, especially in the peaceful uses of Atomic Energy.

The Group is confident that the IAEA, under the leadership of Ambassador Grossi, will continue to contribute proactively to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as participate in global efforts at many fronts.

Ambassador Grossi, throughout his tenure as Permanent Representative as well as during the appointment process, has repeatedly emphasized that Technical Assistance is a noble task of the Agency. He has likewise reiterated that the Agency's Technical Cooperation Programme is a truly transformative tool for developing countries that must be enlarged, made more effective and efficient, and that it must be designed following the priorities and needs of Member States; it is for their benefit and should be driven by them.

The Group assures the new Director General of its full support and cooperation in the discharge of his professional duties during his term.

Thank you Madam Chair.