

## G-77 and China Statement during the launch of the "IAEA Marie Sklodowksa Curie Fellowship Programme" in the margins of the IAEA Board of Governors, delivered by H.E. Ambassador Ganeson Sivagurunathan, Permanent Representative of Malaysia

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The Group of 77 and China would like to welcome the initiative of Director General Rafael Grossi to launch the "IAEA Marie Sklodowska Curie Fellowship Programme" to encourage women to pursue a professional career in nuclear science and technology.

The Group reaffirms its commitment to gender equality and the empowerment of women and hopes that this new initiative will help advance this cause.

The Group was also satisfied to see that, as stated in the concept paper, geographical balance will be a part of the selection criteria for the fellowship.

You can count on our support.

Thank you.