

STATEMENT OF THE G-77 AND CHINA DURING THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, 28 SEPTEMBER 2020

DELIVERED BY H.E. AMBASSADOR MARIA CLEOFE NATIVIDAD, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Agenda item 5: Any other business

Madam Chairperson, [H.E. Ambassador Ms. Heidi HULAN, Permanent Representative of Canada]

- 1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China to thank the outgoing Chair, Her Excellency Ambassador Mikaela KUMLIN GRANIT, Permanent Representative of Sweden, for her successful Chairmanship of the Board of Governors between the 63rd and 64th sessions of the General Conference.
- 2. The Group of 77 commends Ambassador KUMLIN GRANIT and her team for their dedication and hard work over the past year. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavors.
- 3. The Group would also like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the President of the General Conference, His Excellency Ambassador Azzeddine FARHANE of Morocco, for his excellent work and for his able stewardship of the 64th session of the General Conference.
- 4. The Group also thanks other officers and members of the General Committee of the 64th session of the General Conference for their work.

Madam Chairperson,

- 5. On behalf of the Group, I wish to congratulate you Madam Chair for assuming the chairmanship of the Board of Governors for the coming year. Our congratulations go also to your Vice-Chairs.
- 6. The G-77 and China is confident that the Board will remain in good and steady hands as we move forward with the work of the Agency. Rest assured that you have the full support of the Group.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.