



**STATEMENT OF THE G-77 AND CHINA DURING THE IAEA BOARD  
OF GOVERNORS MEETING, 27 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF COSTA RICA**

Agenda item 5: Any other business

Mr. Chairman, [H.E. Ambassador Mr. Chae-hyun SHIN, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea]

1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China to reiterate my appreciation and thanks to the outgoing Chair, Her Excellency Ambassador Heidi ALBERTA HULAN, Permanent Representative of Canada, and her team for the successful stewardship of the Board of Governors between the 64<sup>th</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> sessions of the General Conference.

2. The Group would also like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the President of the General Conference, His Excellency Ambassador Sadiq M. MARAFI, Permanent Representative of Kuwait, for his excellent work and for his able leadership of the 65<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference.

3. The Group also commends Mr. Alexandre BILODEAU, Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Canada for his outstanding Chairmanship of the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Chairman,

4. On behalf of the Group, I wish to congratulate you Mr. Chairman for assuming the chairmanship of the Board of Governors for the coming year. Our congratulations go also to your Vice-Chairpersons.

5. 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 our Group.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.