

## G-77 and China statement during the IAEA Board of Governors delivered by H.E. Ambassador Azzeddine Farhane during the Board of Governors on 3 October 2022

## Agenda item 6: Any other business

Mr. Chair, [H.E. Ambassador Mr. Ivo Šrámek, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic]

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 Chairperson, His Excellency Mr HAM Sang Wook, Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs Governor from the Republic of Korea and his team for the successful stewardship of the Board of Governors between the 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> sessions of the General Conference.

2. On behalf of the Group, I wish to specially congratulate you Mr. Chair for assuming the chairmanship of the Board of Governors for the coming year. Our congratulations go also to your Vice-Chairpersons, the Resident Representatives, H.E. Ambassador Carlos Sérgio SOBRAL DUARTE of Brazil and H.E. Ambassador Eoin O'LEARY of Ireland.

3. The Group would also like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the President of the General Conference, His Excellency Ambassador Alessandro CORTESE, Permanent Representative of Italy, for his excellent work and for his able leadership of the 66<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference.

4. The Group also commends Mr. Mandlenkosi Lunga BENGU, Deputy Permanent Representative of South Africa for his outstanding Chairmanship of the Committee of the Whole and the Vice Chairperson, Ms. Louise Fluger CALLESEN, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Denmark.

Mr. Chair,

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 and commitment of our Group.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.