



**G-77 and China Statement during the Board of Governors,
19-21 November 2025,
delivered by H.E. Ambassador Maurice Makoloo,
Permanent Representative of Kenya**

Agenda item 3: Report of the Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee.

Mr. Chair,

1. The Group of 77 and China reaffirms that the peaceful use of atomic energy is an inalienable right of all Member States and a core objective of the Agency as reflected in Articles II and III of the Statute. The Group reiterates the paramount importance of the Agency's Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) as the primary vehicle for the Agency's statutory function of encouraging and assisting research on, and development and practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful uses throughout the world. It remains indispensable for enabling developing countries to access nuclear technologies for peaceful applications and to advance sustainable development.
2. The Group stresses the indispensable need for a balanced approach among all Statutory functions of the Agency's work, promotional and non-promotional, while emphasizing that the peaceful uses of atomic energy receive equal treatment and support commensurate with the other pillars of the Agency.
3. The Group emphasizes the importance of approving the TCP by consensus in order to maintain the Vienna Spirit, considering that any deterioration of the peaceful uses pillar of the Agency's Statutory functions and of its delivery through the TCP while favoring non-promotional activities exacerbates the imbalance between the Agency's statutory functions. This imbalance is even more accentuated when considering the growing demand of Member States for peaceful uses, as it is seen by the increasing footnote/a part of the TCP when compared to previous years.
4. The Group reiterates that "*the nature, extent and scope of technical assistance to be provided to the requesting State or group of States shall be defined by the Government or Governments concerned*", as is the established practice and is reflected in paragraph (f) of the Revised Guiding Principles and General Operating Rules to Govern the Provision of Technical Assistance by the Agency (INFCIRC/267), and in preambular paragraph (m) of Resolution GC(68)/RES/10, as per the decision of the 69th session of the General Conference. The Group is of the view that this important principle should continue to guide the provision of Technical Cooperation by the Agency.

5. Having said this, the Group looks forward to the approval of the TC Programme for 2026–2027 and reiterates its readiness to work constructively with all Member States and with the Secretariat to ensure its effective implementation, particularly in support of developing countries.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.



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Agenda Item 7: Any Other Business

1. Regarding the draft resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on the “Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency”, the Group would like to clarify its position that, although Member States joined consensus, the adoption of measures under agenda item 15 on the *Strengthening of the Agency’s technical cooperation activities*, item 16 on the *Strengthening of the Agency’s activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications*, and item 17 on the *Strengthening of the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of Agency safeguards* were decisions duly taken by the 69th session of the General Conference.
2. The Group reiterates that the action taken on these agenda items constituted a decision of the General Conference, in full conformity with its rules of procedure and reflecting the collective will of its Member States. It was neither a unilateral pronouncement by the President of the Conference nor a procedural convenience.
3. The Group therefore calls for any reference to this matter to accurately reflect the institutional decision-making process of the General Conference and to uphold the integrity of its intergovernmental character.
4. The Group wishes to express its view that the circumstances witnessed during the most recent session of the General Conference should be avoided in the future. In order to make more efficient use of the time of the Conference, procedural mechanisms should be used in a manner that supports consensus-building and collective progress, rather than contributing to protracted delays or impeding the ability of the Conference to discharge its mandate effectively, and ensures a balanced approach among all Statutory functions of the Agency’s work, while emphasizing that the peaceful uses of nuclear energy receive equal treatment and support commensurate with the other pillars of the Agency’s mandate. The General Conference must continue to serve as a forum that reflects the shared interests and collective will of its membership. The Group stands ready to participate in any form of dialogue to explore improvements to the conduct of the Conference in accordance with the Statute and the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference. Such a dialogue could contribute to enhancing mutual trust, promoting efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the Conference’s work.