



**G-77 and China statement
during the IAEA Board of Governors,
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delivered by H.E. Shambhu S. Kumaran,
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of India**

Agenda item 4: Any other business

1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China to reiterate our appreciation and thanks to the outgoing Chairperson, H.E. Ian BIGGS, Ambassador and Resident Representative of Australia and his team for the successful stewardship of the Board of Governors between the 69th and 70th 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 the Vice-Chairpersons, H.E. Andrew WILLIAMS, Governor for New Zealand, and H.E. Marta ŽIAKOVÁ, Governor for Slovakia.
3. The Group would also like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the President of the General Conference, H.E. Gustavo ZLAUVINEN, Ambassador and Resident Representative of Argentina, for his excellent work and for his able leadership of the 70th session of the GC.
4. The Group also commends H.E. Evangelina Lourdes BERNAS, Ambassador and Resident Representative of the Philippines, for her outstanding Chairmanship of the Committee of the Whole and the Vice Chairs, H.E. Nina VASKUNLAHTI, from Finland, and H.E. Kamil Tadjid KHASIYEV, from Azerbaijan.
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.