



**Statement of the G-77 and China
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delivered by H.E. Shambhu S. Kumaran,
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Mr. President,

1. The Group of 77 and China takes this opportunity to place on record its sincere appreciation to you, Amb. Gustavo Zlauvinen as the President of the General Conference, and Amb. Evangelina Bernas, the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, for your respective and able leadership in the work of the 70th General Conference of the IAEA and especially the transparent and inclusive discussions on the Agency's technical resolutions.
2. The G-77 and China had adopted a flexible, transparent and pragmatic approach to the resolutions, including the two resolutions traditionally tabled by the Group on the relevant agenda items.
3. The Group also worked in close coordination with the pen-holders of other resolutions, as we believed that the work of the Agency is best served by a holistic and mutually supportive approach to all technical resolutions in our common interest.
4. Based on this approach, the G-77 and China had presented its draft resolutions on Technical Cooperation and Non-power Nuclear Applications with minimal technical updates.
5. We believe these resolutions are firmly anchored in the Agency's main statutory function of promotion and transfer of nuclear technologies and equipment for sustainable development in developing countries.
6. Notwithstanding the best efforts of the Group, and despite the strong cross-regional support and sponsorship for these above-mentioned resolutions, consensus could not be achieved on the draft resolutions that had been tabled.
7. Nevertheless, we appreciate the fact that working in coordination with penholders of other resolutions has helped enhance trust and strengthen mutual understanding within the larger membership of the Agency. In an effort to preserve this trust and cohesion, the Group has decided to join the consensus on the rollover of the existing resolutions.
8. At the same time, we wish to emphasise that this decision regarding a rollover should be treated as an exceptional situation, which should in no circumstances lead to any adverse impact on the IAEA's TC activities nor place any undue restrictions on the Agency's capacity to carry out its TC mandate.
9. In this regard, the Group looks forward to the Agency's continued implementation of the relevant resolutions on Technical Cooperation and non-power nuclear applications. The Group also looks forward to the DG's continued reporting on the respective agenda items on Technical Cooperation and Nuclear science, technology and applications.

10. Taking into account the constructive discussions within the CoW this year, the Group acknowledges your assessment, which is also widely shared by all Member States, that all the technical resolutions of the Agency can benefit from a comprehensive consideration on a holistic and mutually supportive approach.
11. In this regard, the G-77 and China is committed to inclusive, transparent and constructive engagement on the consideration of all the technical resolutions of the Agency. This process, to be led by the respective penholders under your overall guidance, will require us to work in a spirit of mutual understanding and mutual benefit.

Thank you Mr. President.