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Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia associates itself with the statement of the Non-Aligned Movement States Parties to the NPT on Cluster II issues, to be delivered by Indonesia.

Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia recognizes the IAEA's invaluable contribution in establishing and promulgating effective safeguards and verification mechanisms for peaceful uses of nuclear energy. As a signatory to the NPT and a Member State of the IAEA, Malaysia reaffirms its commitment to non-proliferation. We also reaffirm the centrality of the IAEA in the nuclear safeguards and verifications regime. In this regard, we call upon all Member States to abide by their safeguards obligations.

2. The fundamental principles underlying the right to activities related to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy are ensuring that the peaceful nature of the nuclear activities is not abused. States must exercise full transparency in their nuclear programmes, subject those programmes to the full scope of the IAEA's safeguards and verification, and adhere to the provisions of the NPT. In this regard, Malaysia believes that the Additional Protocol can provide an important tool to the IAEA for enhanced verification.

3. However, Malaysia would also like to reiterate that safeguards verification process should be done in a professional, non-discriminatory and transparent manner with full objectivity based solely on technical facts and credible information. States Parties will also require assurances that the extended information and access given under the Additional

Protocol be held in confidence by the IAEA's secretariat. The Secretariat should be provided with the necessary resources and the space to discharge its mandated activities in an effective and objective manner. We see a need for the IAEA to enhance rules and modalities on preserving the confidentiality of safeguards related information, thus ensuring that the sovereignty of State Parties are respected.

4. Malaysia wishes to reiterate its commitment to fully implement its obligations under the NPT Safeguards Agreement with the IAEA. We had always welcomed safeguards inspection at the country's sole research reactor facility – the TRIGA MARK II PUSPATI. Malaysia also has implemented the State System of Accounting and Control of Nuclear Material (SSAC) for the research reactor since 1982. As an undertaking to ensure transparency, besides continuing to provide access to the non-Material Balance Areas (MBA) for safeguards inspections, Malaysia also provided the IAEA with voluntary declarations of the type required under Article 2 of the Additional Protocol. Malaysia continues to strengthen the physical protection of TRIGA MARK II PUSPATI in line with the IAEA Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM), and its 2005 Amendment Protocol.

5. As a regional Nuclear Security Support Centre (NSSC), Malaysia cooperates with the IAEA in disseminating best practices and sharing of experiences with countries in the region. We are also participating actively in various regional initiatives aimed at enhancing the non-proliferation framework of understanding within the ASEAN and Asia Pacific regions and enhancing national competence in safeguards and verification measures.

Mr. Chairman,

6. Malaysia also recognizes the importance of nuclear security in preventing the abuse or unauthorized use of nuclear material and nuclear technology. Countries need to continue to work together in advancing nuclear security, requesting and providing assistance as necessary; working at the bilateral, regional and multilateral levels for the promotion of nuclear security culture through technology development, human resource development, education, and training. There is a need for cooperation among States to effectively prevent and respond to incidents of illicit nuclear trafficking; and agree to share, subject to respective national laws and procedures, information and expertise through bilateral and multilateral mechanisms in relevant areas such as nuclear detection,

forensics, law enforcement, and the development of new technologies. Related to this, Malaysia and IAEA have jointly worked to develop an Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) which identified the necessary measures and to align physical protection of facilities with international guidelines and best practices.

7. Malaysia believes that the international cooperation in nuclear security is improving. Malaysia recognize the IAEA's central role in nuclear security and are supporting and making use of the Agency's effort to enhance nuclear security worldwide. In this regard, we support the implementation of strong nuclear security practices including export control systems that will not infringe upon the rights of States to develop and utilize nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and technology and will facilitate international cooperation in the field of nuclear security. We believe maintaining effective nuclear security will require continuous national efforts facilitated by international cooperation and undertaken on a voluntary basis by States. However we stand by the principle that measures to strengthen nuclear security and safeguards should not be used as pre-requisites or an excuse to deny the rights of State Parties to the peaceful uses of nuclear technology for socio-economic benefits.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.