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STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR RAMLAN IBRAHIM PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS MAIN COMMITTEE 3 OF THE 2015 REVIEW CONFERENCE TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS NEW YORK, 5 MAY 2015

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Mr. Chairman,

Let me at the outset congratulate you on your appointment as Chairman of Main Committee 3 of the 2015 NPT Review Conference. My delegation places a high priority on the work of this Committee, and we assure you of our full support. Malaysia associates itself with the statement of the Non-Aligned Movement delivered by Iran.

Mr. Chairman,

2. Malaysia reiterates the importance it attaches to the inalienable right of all States Parties to develop, research, produce and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, without discrimination, as enshrined under Article IV of the Treaty. In this context, Malaysia believes that it is the right of State Parties to determine their participation in the fields of peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Similarly, we believe that States Parties also have to the right to decide on their fuel cycle policies. As such, no efforts or steps should be taken by any parties that could be interpreted as affecting these rights.

3. Malaysia also reaffirms our belief in the vital role played by the IAEA through its Technical Cooperation Programme. We share the view with other developing states that the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme's resources should be sufficient, assured and predictable, in order to ensure that all planned programmes can be implemented effectively and efficiently.

4. We would also add that the IAEA Technical Cooperation programme should continue to be formulated and implemented in accordance with the IAEA's Statute and the agreed guiding principles as contained in INFCIRC/267, as well as the decisions of the IAEA policy making organs.

Mr. Chairman,

5. Malaysia recognises that, as a recipient and contributor, the IAEA technical cooperation activities have promoted nuclear knowledge-sharing and the transfer of nuclear technology for the further enhancement of Malaysia's scientific and technological capabilities. In the long run, this would further benefit and contribute to our socio-economic development.

6. In this regard, we reaffirm our support for the Peaceful Uses Initiative (PUI) programme, which aims to provide extra-budgetary funding in order to assist the implementation of Technical Cooperation Projects. This programme also provides prospects for partnerships amongst Member States on PUI-supported projects. Malaysia would like to take this opportunity to record our appreciation to all the financial contributors under the PUI, in particular Japan and the United States, for their contribution to our programmes.

Mr. Chairman,

7. Malaysia wishes to once again underline the need to respect the basic and inalienable right of all States Parties, as stipulated in the NPT, to develop, research, produce and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, without discrimination and in conformity with their legal obligations.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.