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Mr. President,

1. At the outset, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Yukiya Amano, Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for his comprehensive and informative presentation of the annual report of the Agency (GC(58)/3), covering the period of 1 January to 31 December 2013.

Mr. President,

2. Malaysia reaffirms the principle that the sovereign right to use nuclear energy comes with the obligation that it is used in a safe, secure and peaceful manner. We remain fully committed to supporting and working with the IAEA, and other IAEA Member States, to ensuring the right of countries to the peaceful use of nuclear energy while at the same time fully ensuring nuclear non-proliferation, safety and security.

3. Malaysia is fully cognisant of a need to sign and ratify, or accede to, the relevant multilateral instruments to ensure peaceful, safe and secure use of nuclear energy. We are refining our regulatory framework, and are currently revising the relevant legislation towards the enactment of a comprehensive nuclear law.

4. Regional cooperation is also an essential aspect for Malaysia in our efforts towards enhancing nuclear regulatory control. Malaysia continues to actively take part in the activities of the ASEAN Network of Nuclear Regulatory Bodies or Relevant Authorities (ASEANTOM), to ensure the successful implementation of its 2014-2015 Action Plan.

5. Malaysia also supports initiatives by the IAEA's International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO) to ensure that nuclear energy is available to contribute to meeting the energy needs of the 21st century in a sustainable manner. My delegation further recognises the efforts of the Agency in publishing the INPRO Action Plan 2014-2015. Malaysia will be actively participating in INPRO activities in line with this two-year plan.

Mr. President,

6. Malaysia has always emphasised the central role of the IAEA in the international nuclear security architecture. We also recognise the IAEA as the only international organisation with the capacity to address policy, technical and regulatory aspects of nuclear security. In this regard, we acknowledge the continuous efforts by the IAEA to strengthen the nuclear safety regime and implement the Action Plan on Nuclear Safety. We also look forward to the finalisation of the Agency's Comprehensive Report on the Fukushima Daaichi nuclear power plant accident.

7. On Malaysia's part, we have established our national nuclear security regime through various measures. As a major trading nation, we are also focusing on detection capabilities in our major port of entries and international borders. We thank the IAEA for providing the expertise to revise our Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP), which has further strengthened the infrastructure and human capacity development in Malaysia. As a regional National Security Support Centre (NSSC), Malaysia is pleased to continue our cooperation with the Agency in disseminating best practices and sharing of experiences within the region.

Mr. President,

8. My delegation continues to accord high importance to the peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology in agriculture, biotechnology, industry, environment and medical applications. In this context, we strongly believe that research and development and knowledge sharing are the keys to successful and sustainable development of nuclear technology by Member States.

9. We therefore recognise the significant gains to be made through the projects being conducted under the Agency's Coordinated Research Activities. Malaysian scientists and researchers have benefited greatly from the hands-on training and research in the Seibersdorf Nuclear Application laboratories. My delegation thus appreciates the recognition by the Agency in inviting a Malaysian expert to participate in the planning stage of the Renovation of the IAEA Nuclear Application Laboratories (ReNuAL) project.

10. This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the collaboration between the IAEA and the Food Agricultural Organisation (FAO) through the IAEA-FAO Joint Division Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture. During the commemoration of this historic anniversary on 24 September 2014 in Vienna, the Malaysian Nuclear Agency was

conferred with an Achievement Award to celebrate the successes and the promotion of the applications of mutation breeding. Through the usage of nuclear applications which exposed seeds to radiation, Malaysian scientists were able to generate desirable traits in plants, such as disease resistance, early maturation and better nutrient content.

11. Our partnership with the IAEA and FAO has also resulted in progress on animal production and health, and has also been extended to the areas of soil and water management, as well as the crop nutrition component of food and agriculture. There is great potential in how this remarkable inter-agency and Member State collaboration can address global developmental challenges through civilian applications of nuclear technology, and Malaysia is pleased to work with the IAEA and the FAO in resolving these challenges.

Mr. President,

12. On the Agency's Technical Cooperation (TC) Programme, Malaysia reiterates our strong support for this crucial framework, as well as our position that it should be based on member States' needs and requests. The programme should also continue to be formulated and implemented in accordance with the IAEA's guiding principles, as well as the decisions and resolutions of the Agency's policy making organs.

13. Malaysia is of the view that the IAEA TC Programme's resources should be made adequate in order to ensure that all planned activities can be implemented effectively and efficiently. My delegation welcomes the report of the Working Group on Financing the Agency's Activities, and we hope that the recommendations of the Working Group are successfully implemented, to allow for the sufficient, assured, and predictable funding for the TC.

14. Malaysia reaffirms our continued and active implementation of national TC projects as well as Regional and Interregional Cooperation TC projects under the current cycle. We continue to collaborate closely with the Agency to ensure that all project activities are adequately funded, and we have also contributed by providing training, expertise and contributions in-kind to other member States.

15. Malaysia also stands ready to offer assistance in human capacity development to other countries in the Asia-Pacific region. In this connection, my delegation is grateful for the long-standing confidence that the Agency has entrusted to, and recognised in, Malaysia's hosting of the the Post Graduate Education Course in Radiation Protection and the Safety of Radiation Sources, which is presently in its eleventh cycle.

Mr. President,

16. Malaysia reaffirms our belief in the strengthening and universalization of the membership of the Agency, in order for it to effectively carry out its mandate. In this regard, my delegation welcomes Comoros, Djibouti, Guyana, and Vanuatu as the new member States of the IAEA. As the membership of the Agency grows, so do the

demands for its services. This would also have implications on the existing financial challenges faced by the IAEA and its Member States.

17. In this connection, I would like to conclude by underlining once again Malaysia's strong support for the work of the IAEA, and we hope that Member States will also continue to provide the Agency with the backing it fully deserves.

Thank you, Mr. President.