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Chair,

Kenya aligns itself with the Statement delivered by Indonesia on behalf of NAM.

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Article IV of the NPT guarantees all State Parties the absolute right to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with Article I and II of the NPT. In equal measures, it calls for States to undertake facilitation and engagement in the fullest co-operation for peaceful uses of nuclear energy with non nuclear energy States.

Our aspirations in Kenya are to develop nuclear power to cater for our growing energy need. We do believe that the introduction of nuclear power will mitigate the escalating electricity prices inline with our social economic development goals.

As the project continues to develop, we have taken note of the importance of safety, security and other safeguards.

In this regard, Kenya commends the IAEA for its Technical Cooperation Programme. We highly value the partnership. Indeed countries such as ours who opt for nuclear power can receive assistance at every stage, including legal and regulatory framework. Kenya is currently at this stage and we trust that as we advance, the IAEA in collaboration with willing partner States will assist us in ensuring safety, security and safeguards as well as with the know how on construction, commissioning, start up and operation.

Chair,

Kenya has and continues to benefit immensely from the IAEA’s support in improving human health, agriculture and livestock development water resources, management and industrial development.
As you are all aware, the increasing burden of cancer, and other communicable diseases in many African Countries including Kenya, is often made worse by the lack of capabilities to detect and treat them. In my country radiotherapy treatment is available only in the capital city Nairobi.

As a result, is only available to the very wealthy who travel abroad for treatment. In this regard, my delegation would like to take this opportunity to express its profound appreciation for the support provided by the US through the IAEA Peaceful Uses Initiative.

Chair,

You will recall that the 2010 Review Conference urged that “in all activities designed to promote peaceful uses of nuclear energy, preferential treatment should be given to non-nuclear States Parties to the Treaty, with due consideration to the needs of developing countries of the world”. It is also reaffirmed that non-proliferation arrangements should not impose restrictions to access to material, equipment and technology for peaceful purposes.

It is against this background that Kenya joins other State Parties in calling for the provision of sufficient, assured and predicable financial resources for the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme.

In addition, we recommend that funding for the Technical Cooperation Fund should be provided from the Regular Budget.

In conclusion Chair,

Kenya hopes that the deliberations of this Prepcom will give further impetus towards the implementation of the 2010 Action Plan. Nevertheless, I appeal to State Parties to honour their Commitments and obligations to enable us to attain our common goals ahead of the 2015 Review Conference.

Thank you.