Mr. Chairman,

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by Indonesia on behalf of the NAM States Parties to the NPT. Malaysia attaches great importance to the inalienable right of all States Parties to develop, research, produce and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination, as enshrined in Article IV of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

2. The Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference reaffirmed the principle to observe the legitimate right of all States Parties, in particular developing States, to full access to nuclear material, equipment and technological information for peaceful purposes. Therefore, Malaysia reaffirms that the principle of non-discrimination and the inalienable right of state parties to decide and choose the fields of peaceful uses of nuclear energy including their fuel policies should be fully observed and respected.

Mr. Chairman,

3. The IAEA, in accordance with Articles II and III of its Statute, plays a central role in promoting global peace, health and prosperity through peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The increasing number of IAEA activities in the various areas such as but not limited to nuclear sciences, technology, nuclear energy and human health applications pave an important way for meeting Member States’ developmental challenges in achieving the 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development. Thus, the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme is an important vehicle towards achieving the objectives of Article IV of the NPT Treaty.

4. Malaysia fully recognises the important role of the IAEA through the Technical Cooperation Programme in supporting the safe, secure and peaceful application of nuclear science and technology for sustainable socio-economic development. Malaysia also fully recognises the IAEA as the main vehicle for transfer of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes through partnership with Member States and relevant stakeholders.
5. As both recipient and contributor to the Technical Cooperation Program, Malaysia had the opportunity to strengthen and maintain institutional capacities for the safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear technology to support its national development priorities in the areas of agriculture and food security, human health and nutrition, environmental resource management, energy planning, industrial development, safety and security.

Mr. Chairman,

6. Given the central role of the IAEA as the main vehicle for transfer of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, we would like to reiterate the importance for the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme to be formulated and implemented strictly in accordance with the provisions of the IAEA Statute and the guiding principles and policies as contained in INFCIR/267 as well as the relevant decisions of the IAEA policy making organs.

7. Malaysia fully supports the need to increase the resources and to provide a sufficient, assured and predictable funding for the implementation of various activities related to peaceful uses of nuclear energy. At the same time, Malaysia underscores the need for all Member States to honour their due financial obligations to the IAEA Technical Cooperation Fund in order to meet the objectives of Article IV of the NPT Treaty and the objectives as mandated in Articles II and III of the IAEA Statute. We strongly believe that it is vital to attain a sound and sustainable funding to enable the IAEA to implement its mandated activities effectively for the full benefits of Member States.

8. Finally, Malaysia wishes to reiterate the need to respect the inalienable right of Member States, as stipulated in Article IV of the NPT, to develop, research, production and use of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, without any discrimination, in conformity with its international legal obligations.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.