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Mr. Chairman ,

UAE recognizes the right of every State party to the NPT to the peaceful use of nuclear energy and as a means of addressing climate change and energy security concerns. We emphasize the importance of increased accessibility and broader application of nuclear technology in fields such as human health, agriculture, water management and industrial applications.

UAE of the view that nuclear power programmes should be developed in a fully transparent way, abiding by the highest standards of nuclear safety, security and non proliferation.

My delegation stresses the importance of a robust international cooperation to facilitate transfer of peaceful nuclear technology and material, and to strengthen nuclear safety and security. IAEA is placed at a central Role at this international framework to support member states in the development of peaceful uses in a safe and responsible manner.

we place great emphasis on nuclear safety. My country commends the IAEA on-going efforts in the area of nuclear safety. We support on-going evaluation and updating of IAEA safety standards to take into consideration lessons learned.

I note here the importance of the international instruments in the area of nuclear safety, security, non proliferation and liability. We encourage all States that have not yet done so to become party to these instruments. The Convention on Nuclear Safety, is an important one, especially for states with significant nuclear activities. We call here on Iran to join the CNS, Iran is the only country with significant nuclear activities who is not party to this very important convention.
My country recognizes the threat posed by the existence of any unsecured nuclear material and facilities as well as the threat of nuclear terrorism. UAE supports IAEA’s role in the area of nuclear security.

In the scope of civil liability for nuclear damage, my country recognizes the importance of establishing a national liability framework, and the development of harmonized international liability regime.

An increased number of states expressed interest in developing peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The Review Conference should continue to address issues related to promotion of responsible development of peaceful uses of nuclear energy, strengthening nuclear safety and the development of sustainable arrangements of assistance to newcomer countries in the nuclear energy field.

We look forward to constructive deliberations in this committee.

Thank You.