Statement

by

the Delegation of Thailand

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THAILAND
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Chairperson,

Since this is the first time my delegation is taking the floor in the Main Committee III, allow me to congratulate you on your election to the chairmanship of this Committee. My delegation wishes to assure you our full cooperation during the course of the next two weeks. With your able skills and leadership, we are confident that the deliberations of Committee will be successful.

Chairperson,

Thailand would like to join other delegations in stressing the importance of the peaceful uses of nuclear technology pillar of the NPT. This pillar was part of the grand bargain during the negotiations in the making of the Treaty almost half a century ago. The right to peaceful uses of nuclear technology has provided a significant incentive for non-nuclear-weapon states to accept and comply with their obligations under the Treaty, particularly the non-proliferation ones.

In this regard, Thailand wishes to re-emphasize the inalienable right of all the States Parties to the Treaty to the development, research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination, as stipulated in Article IV of the Treaty. We call for the continued respect of such right.

Chairperson,

It is undeniable that the international community has significantly benefited from the peaceful uses of nuclear technology. The peaceful applications of nuclear technology cover numerous areas such as energy, food and agriculture, water management, health and industrial applications, among others. Thailand recognizes the central role of the IAEA in the promotion of the peaceful uses of nuclear technology and commends the Agency’s unwavering efforts in this regard.
Through its Technical Cooperation Programme, the Agency has lifted many out of poverty and contributed positively to sustainable economic and social development worldwide. Thailand believes that the peaceful uses of nuclear technology have an important role to play towards the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

In this context, Thailand once again would like to underscore our support to the Agency’s Technical Cooperation Programme and Peaceful Uses Initiative or PUI. The latter has supplemented the Agency’s Technical Cooperation Fund and allowed for many beneficial yet unfunded technical cooperation projects possible for several countries, including Thailand. Furthermore, we wish to urge all States Parties to the NPT to make every effort to ensure that IAEA resources for technical cooperation activities are sufficient, assured and predictable.

Chairperson,

Thailand is proud to be part of the dynamic ASEAN region. As we prepare for the ASEAN community this year, we have accelerated the conclusion of many initiatives to support our contributions to international peace, security. In the context of our obligations under Articles II and IV, we are realizing our collective commitment to ensuring the highest standards of safety and security in activities relating to the peaceful uses of nuclear technology. In 2013, ASEAN set up the ASEAN Network of Regulatory Bodies or ASEANTOM with the aim of enhancing regulatory activities and further strengthening nuclear safety, security and safeguards within ASEAN in compliance with the IAEA’s standards and guidelines. Thailand was honored to host the first two formal meetings of the ASEANTOM and looks forward to expanding cooperation between the ASEANTOM, the IAEA and other similar bodies in other regions in the future.

I thank you Chairperson.