

**Main Committee Two (Non-Proliferation): Statement on Naval Propulsion**

Thank you Chair.

Canada would like to briefly comment on the issue of naval propulsion which has been raised by several delegations today.

Canada is confident that a satisfactory and suitable arrangement to address the safeguards implications of proposed naval propulsion initiatives can be agreed upon in accordance with participating states' legal obligations, including those under the NPT and IAEA safeguards, while upholding the highest possible non-proliferation standards.

We fully support the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and its important role in providing technical, impartial, and evidence-based monitoring and verification in support of the safeguards system and the broader non-proliferation regime. We have full confidence in the Agency's capacity and credibility in this regard as it develops appropriate and effective safeguards approaches for future naval propulsion initiatives. Given the Agency's role as the sole competent authority in this regard, we do not see the need for the establishment of any separate intergovernmental process to discuss this issue.

Thank you.