

Thank you Chair,

Luxembourg wishes for the Conference to reflect the principle of nuclear safety and security. We recognize the value of the peaceful uses of nuclear technologies including in the context of the realization of the sustainable development goals, while also noting the inherent risk of these technologies, which have to be subject to the highest standards of safety and security, including through international cooperation and compliance with international standards.

Luxembourg underlines the central role of IAEA, which is recognized in Article III of the Treaty as the organization entrusted with nuclear verification responsibilities, and whose activities are essential in supporting Member States in their goal to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

While recognizing the potential of nuclear technologies, we should also be mindful of the inherent risks and challenges of these technologies and in particular of nuclear energy. The challenge of climate change is of enormous difficulty and complexity to which there is no singular solution.

Conscious of the multidimensional challenge that is climate change, we would suggest a cautious approach when considering the inclusion of language linking the role nuclear energy to combating climate change, as the issue is beyond the scope and purpose of the NPT.

We call all States parties to cooperate fully with the IAEA at every level and in every circumstance including in situations of armed conflict, while refraining from activities that create unacceptable risks for nuclear and radiological safety and security. We are therefore deeply concerned by the Russian Federation's activities in the vicinity of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, which are incompatible with its engagements regarding nuclear safety and security.

To ensure the full ongoing respect of the right of States to the safe, secure and safeguarded peaceful use of nuclear technology, Luxembourg wishes for the outcome document to include a reference to IAEA's seven indispensable pillars of nuclear safety and security as outlined by DG Grossi in March 2022.

Thank you.