



**G-77 and China Statement during the 67th session of the IAEA General Conference,
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Permanent Representative of Pakistan**

Agenda item 6 of the provisional agenda - Approval of the Appointment of the Director General

Madam President,

1. The Group of 77 and China, would like, in the first place, to specially congratulate you Madam President for assuming the presidency of the General Conference for the year and express our support to your mandate. Our congratulations go also to the Vice-Presidents, to the members of the General Committee, to the Chair of the Committee of the Whole, Mr Vilmos CSERVENY, and the Vice-Chairs. Please count on our full support. We also thank the Secretariat for the preparations of this GC.

2. The Group of 77 and China takes this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi, a national of a Member State of the Group, on his approval by the General Conference for a second term. The Group commends Mr. Grossi for his valuable work as the head of the Agency, in particular in the promotion of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The Group looks forward to the enhancement of the Agency's activities in this field, including in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The G-77 and China acknowledges the impartial, effective and professional manner with which Mr. Grossi has discharged his responsibilities as Director General of the IAEA. The Group assures the Director General of its full support and cooperation in discharge of his professional duties during his second term.

Thank you, Madam President.