



Statement by the G-77 and China during the 3rd Informal Open-Ended Consultations on the IAEA Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science, Technology and Applications and the Technical Cooperation Programme, on 27th June 2024, to be delivered by H.E. Ambassador Laura Gil, Permanent Representative of Colombia

I would like to deliver the following statement on behalf of the G-77 and China.

1. The Group of 77 and China wishes to thank the Co-chairs, HE Ms Nina VASKUNLAHTI, Ambassador of Finland and HE Mr Philbert ABAKA JOHNSON, Ambassador of Ghana, for convening this third Informal Open-Ended Consultations, as well as for the draft programme for the Conference, submitted on 11th June 2024 on GOVATOM, and for today's presentation.
2. The Group recalls its statement made during the 2nd Open Ended Informal Consultations held on 25th March 2024 and would like to thank the Co-Chairs, for incorporating the Group's views in the structure and content of the thematic sessions and panels of the Conference. The Group therefore believes that the draft programme provides a suitable basis for further discussion and is confident that the ongoing process under the leadership of the esteemed Co-Chairs, will achieve the expected outcomes.
3. The Group takes this opportunity to reaffirm its view that this Ministerial Conference should continue to equally emphasize on nuclear science, technologies and applications for peaceful uses (centrally carried out by the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications), as well as their delivery (done through the Department of Technical Cooperation), and therefore expects the continued joint collaboration of both Departments in consultation with Member States in organizing the Conference with the assistance of any other relevant departments.
4. Furthermore, the Group considers the Conference as a valuable opportunity to reaffirm the central role of the Agency to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world in accordance with article II of the Statute.
5. The Group notes with appreciation the thematic session on the TC Programme which is of paramount importance for the Group as it is the main vehicle for the Agency's statutory function of the promotion and transfer of nuclear technology for sustainable socioeconomic progress in developing countries. The Group looks forward to receiving the overall theme of the Conference.
6. Finally, the Group looks forward to the draft Ministerial Declaration to be submitted by the Co-chairs and, in this regard, would like to reiterate its readiness to engage constructively through, open, transparent and inclusive Informal Open-Ended Consultations, at the earliest possible convenience, in order to meet the aspirations of Member States for a consensual Ministerial Declaration and a successful Conference.

I thank you Co-Chairs.