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Mr Chair,

At the outset, I would like to thank you for this revised draft. We believe this is a solid basis for our negotiations and stand ready to engage in further discussions to move closer to consensus.

We support in p. 29 the retention of strong language on the essential role of IAEA in assisting member States in capacity building, including regulatory capabilities, and in facilitating the safe, secure and peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology, also through the Agency's technical cooperation program. We also appreciate the maintenance of language in support of the efforts by the IAEA Director General to maximize the impact of the Agency's work on nuclear applications through strategic flagship initiatives cutting across different areas of nuclear science and technology in p. 31.

On p. 44, we continue to underline the need to enhance language on the grave concern about the safety and security of nuclear facilities and materials in Ukraine. This situation did not occur in a vacuum, it is rather the product of the Russian Federation's unprovoked and unjustifiable aggression against Ukraine. We continue to fully support the Agency's efforts to ensure the safety and security of all Ukrainian nuclear sites, as

well as the efforts for a solution that ensures the safety and security of the plant, while fully respecting Ukrainian sovereignty over the facility and the region.

On p. 41 and attacks against nuclear facilities, we reiterate the importance of the application of existing international law and of not creating new legal standards/obligations.

Finally, on pp. 87-93 and the strengthening of the Review Process, we believe that further reflection on enhancing coordination, continuity, and efficiency to improve effectiveness, transparency, and accountability under the Treaty is essential and an important deliverable of this RevCon. We will provide more detailed comments in due course.

Thank you, Chair.