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Chair,

The IAEA actively assists its Member States through some of the most challenging health emergencies. Ukraine is facing a long-term challenge regarding national capacity to meet increasing demands for cancer diagnostic, management and treatment services, and to ensure the implementation of necessary quality and safety requirements. Due to internally displaced patients, demand exceeds existing capacity and puts additional pressure on the health sector. Under the Rays of Hope initiative, the IAEA is supporting Ukraine on safe cancer care, and implementing a project to support the strengthening of radiation therapy and medical imaging in Ukraine.

This project, which was approved by the IAEA Board of Governors in 2022, has since supported priorities as identified by the Ukrainian Ministry of Health with equipment and human resource development. The project focuses on strengthening Ukraine's cancer care through three key outcomes: Targeted support, including equipment and training, is provided to three priority institutions per the Ministry of Health's request. A virtual training programme, three in-country training centres, and long term educational recommendations aim to address staff shortages in radiation therapy and imaging. Additionally, the project develops a national quality assurance programme.

Since the start of the armed conflict, the IAEA has been closely monitoring and assessing the nuclear safety and security situation in Ukraine, sharing objective and impartial information with the international community through Director General Grossi's periodic briefings to the United Nations Security Council as well as public updates. The IAEA continues to deliver technical support and assistance to Ukraine including in-field missions comprising also of continued presence of IAEA staff at five nuclear sites in Ukraine, delivery of nuclear safety and security-related equipment, providing

medical assistance for operating personnel at Ukrainian nuclear power plants, assisting with managing the consequences arising from the destruction of the Kakhovka dam as well as with safety and security of radioactive sources.

With the medical assistance programme announced last year, the IAEA supports Ukrainian nuclear power plants to help them provide necessary physical and mental health services and for periodic assessment of the fitness of duty of its personnel. The IAEA continued with delivery of a number of workshops for the mental health teams for each nuclear site. In addition, the IAEA enabled 27 deliveries of medical equipment and supplies worth ca. EUR 1.26m and comprising of ambulances, various analysers, rapid test kits, defibrillators, ultrasound and X-ray devices and similar items, with more such assistance to come.

This week, on his eleventh visit to Ukraine since 2022, Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi is in Kyiv for high-level meetings to discuss the IAEA's ongoing efforts to prevent a nuclear accident during the military conflict.

I thank you Chair.