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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 is 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 five key outcomes: 1) targeted support to three priority institutions; 2) the development of a virtual training programme including the establishment of three in-country training centers; 3) the development of a national quality assurance programme, 4) support to Filatov Institute of Eye Diseases and Tissue Therapy of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine to provide ophthalmic applicators for brachytherapy; and 5) support to Ukraine's production of radiopharmaceuticals. Additionally, the IAEA is supporting Ukraine to strengthen quality assurance in medical imaging and radiotherapy and to re-establish ionizing radiation capabilities for medical applications.

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 regular reports to the Agency's Policy-Making Organs, press releases

and Director General Grossi's periodic briefings to the United Nations Security Council and 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 (ISAMKO) as well as with safety and security of radioactive sources.

Since the launch of the programme, assistance has been provided to 45 beneficiaries across Ukraine through the direct delivery of equipment and related services with a combined value of over €25 million, in response to 30 official requests for assistance submitted by Ukraine. Within the medical assistance, the IAEA continues to support medical units at Ukrainian nuclear power plants, the local hospitals in towns hosting these plants and the National Radiation Centre for Radiation Medicine in Kyiv to provide necessary physical and mental health services and for periodic assessment of the fitness of duty of NPP personnel. Under the medical assistance programme, the IAEA has provided nearly €3 million worth of equipment and supplies, including ambulances, diagnostic and treatment equipment, medical supplies, medications, dosimetry equipment and other related items, delivered directly to beneficiaries through 67 deliveries. Most recently, on 26 April, the IAEA delivered two ambulances to be used by medical facilities near Ukraine's nuclear power plants.

In addition, from 22 to 28 April 2026, the IAEA conducted a coordination and medical assistance mission to Ukraine, within the framework of its programme of medical assistance for operating personnel at NPPs, which included visits to the SUNPP and the South Ukraine Hospital.

Within the ISAMKO programme, the IAEA has provided laboratory equipment, chromatographs, toxicological equipment and other related items with a combined value of €2 million. This support has been delivered through 24 direct deliveries to 15 beneficiaries, including regional centres for disease control and prevention in areas affected by the destruction of the Kakhovka dam, healthcare institutions in Kherson, and regional laboratories.

Following his most recent visit to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Chornobyl nuclear accident in April 2026, Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi has now visited Ukraine on 14 occasions for high-level meetings to discuss the IAEA's ongoing efforts to prevent a nuclear accident during the military conflict.

I thank you, Chair.