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Agenda Item 6 – Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications: Nuclear Technology Review 2025

STATEMENT BY SWITZERLAND

Thank you, Madam Chair.

[We thank the DG for his Report and DDGs Mokhtar and Chudakov for their introductory remarks.]

Switzerland welcomes and supports the activities of the IAEA in promoting the use of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes as it constitutes a concrete contribution to the implementation of Article IV of the NPT. Nuclear technology and its many diverse applications have an important role to play in improving human welfare and in supporting Member States to implement national development plans and thereby contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. In this regard, we would like to thank the Agency for the successful holding of the 2024 Ministerial Conference on Science, Technology and Applications and the Technical Cooperation Programme.

Madam Chair,

Switzerland has a long-standing tradition of high-level nuclear research, driven by its universities and the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI), which is the national competence center for nuclear energy and safety as well as by its two Collaborating Centers. In January 2025, Switzerland signed the Framework Agreement for International Collaboration on Research and Development for advanced nuclear energy systems and thereby continues to be a member of the Generation IV International Forum (GIF). This collaboration is of central importance to ensure the visibility of Swiss research in the international community and to promote the exchange of knowledge.

In addition, PSI's participation in international research and cooperation programs like the GIF, but also within Euratom, OECD/NEA and IAEA Coordinated Research Programmes is important for Switzerland as a center of nuclear research. It contributes to the necessary know-how being available in Switzerland for the safe operation of existing nuclear facilities, for the decommissioning of nuclear facilities and the safe disposal of radioactive waste, and for well-founded decisions on new nuclear technologies.

Thank you.