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CONFERENCE TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR
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Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia would like to reiterate the importance it attaches to the inalienable right of all States Parties to develop, research, produce and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, without discrimination, as enshrined under Article IV of the Treaty. In this context, Malaysia believes that it is the right of state parties to decide on and choose the fields of peaceful uses of nuclear energy and their fuel cycle policies. Therefore, Malaysia is of the view that no efforts or steps should be taken by any parties that could be interpreted as affecting this right.

2. Malaysia also believes that the contribution of atomic energy for peaceful purposes could be realised through close international cooperation with the IAEA. In this regard, Malaysia has always considered IAEA technical cooperation activities as essential in pursuing these objectives. We believe that IAEA technical cooperation activities would promote nuclear knowledge-sharing and the transfer of nuclear technology to developing countries for the further enhancement of their scientific and technological capabilities, which will contribute to their socio-economic development.

3. The transfer of nuclear technology to states like Malaysia and the promotion of peaceful applications of nuclear energy constitute a fundamental activity of the IAEA, as emphasised in INFCIRC/267. Malaysia believes that the Agency must be equipped with sufficient, assured and predictable resources to enable States pursuing peaceful uses of nuclear energy to benefit from the transfer of nuclear technology without prejudice, and taking into account the inalienable rights of States to such technologies.

4. In addition, the IAEA Technical Cooperation programme should continue to be formulated and implemented in accordance with the IAEA's Statute and the agreed guiding principles as contained in INFCIRC/267, as well as the decisions of the IAEA policy making organs.

5. Malaysia wishes to once again underline the need to respect the basic and inalienable right of all Member States, as stipulated in the NPT, to develop research, production and use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, without any discrimination and in conformity with their legal obligations.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.