STATEMENT
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Mr. President,

1. First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Yukiya Amano, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for his comprehensive introduction of the annual report referred in document A/69/255. Viet Nam commends the IAEA for its achievements in all three pillars, namely science and technology, safety and security, and safeguards and verification.

2. The work of the IAEA in the field of nuclear technology has resulted in encouraging achievements in the past year. We applaud the IAEA’s continued efforts, among others, to assist over 30 countries, including Viet Nam, in preparing the infrastructure necessary for introducing nuclear power into their energy mix. In addition, the IAEA plays an important role in helping developing countries to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and contributing to the preparation of the post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through its technical cooperation programs and various activities in nuclear applications.

3. Viet Nam lends our full support to the crucial role taken by the IAEA in the field of nuclear safety and security. In this regard, we appreciate the progress of the implementation of the IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety. Through a number of mechanisms, the IAEA assists Member States in strengthening their national nuclear safety programs. During 2013, the Agency conducted 88 training events covering all aspects of nuclear security, involving more than 2000 people through the International Network for Nuclear Security Training and Support Center.

4. Viet Nam acknowledges the IAEA’s continuous efforts in the field of nuclear verification and safeguards. While progress continued to be made in implementation of comprehensive safeguards agreements (CSAs) and
additional protocols (AP), we are happy to see two more CSAs and four APs entered into force. We are confident that IAEA, a unique international organization with expertise in all aspects of nuclear energy, will continue to play a leading role in shaping a safer world.

Mr. President,

5. Viet Nam highly appreciates the Agency’s wide-range technical cooperation and support over the past years. Since 2000, the IAEA has been assisting Viet Nam in implementing over 200 technical cooperation projects at national, regional and inter-regional levels with a total disbursement of over $15 million. More than 1,200 Vietnamese scientists and technicians have benefited from various training programs. We note with satisfaction that, under the current Country Program Framework (CPF) period 2011-2015, the cooperation between the IAEA and Viet Nam has brought about productive results in the main areas of nuclear power infrastructure and nuclear safety, health care and industrial applications and environmental protection. In 2013, in close collaboration with the IAEA, Viet Nam prepared feasibility studies of two sites for its first nuclear power plants. Viet Nam’s strong commitment in conducting nuclear power programs to the highest safety standards has been widely acknowledged. Mr. Yukiya Amano, Director General of the IAEA, highly appreciated Viet Nam’s preparations to launch its national nuclear power program during his visit to Viet Nam last January.

Mr. President,

6. As the Chair of the IAEA Board of Governors for the term of 2013-2014, we have made active contributions, in a balanced and constructive manner, to realizing the objectives and missions of the IAEA. My delegation would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to all member states, international partners and the IAEA for their valuable support and cooperation so that we can fulfil our responsibilities.

7. Viet Nam is pleased to co-sponsor the draft resolution on the Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/69/L.7).

I thank you, Mr. President./.