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1. The development of nuclear energy is one important option for ensuring global energy security and addressing the issue of climate change. A rational perspective on nuclear energy should be sought. We should not “give up eating for fear of choking”. Rather, we should promote a development of nuclear energy that is conducive to the peace and development of the whole world.
2. To promote the peaceful uses of nuclear energy is one of the important goals of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. The legitimate right of States parties to peaceful uses of nuclear energy should be respected. We should promote and develop coordination and a balance between peaceful uses of nuclear energy and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.
3. Facilitating international cooperation is the best means of ensuring in-depth development of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The developed countries and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) should extend their assistance to the developing countries in accordance with their actual needs as related to peaceful uses of nuclear energy.
4. A proper balance between the two categories of IAEA activities, safeguards and international cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, will ensure member States’ active support of and participation in IAEA activities. Adequate resources should be guaranteed for IAEA promotional and technical cooperation activities. All member States should contribute in full and on time to the Technical Cooperation Fund.
5. Nuclear safety is the lifeline to the development of nuclear power and the application of nuclear technologies. The international community should continue to make efforts to apply the highest nuclear safety standards, and share and exchange best practices and experiences, so as to promote the enhancement of global nuclear safety capability. IAEA should play a central role in the field of nuclear safety.
6. Enhancing nuclear security is of great significance in ensuring the sustained development of nuclear energy. All member States bear responsibility for the physical protection measures needed to secure nuclear materials and facilities within their respective jurisdiction. We should promote the universality of relevant international legal instruments, strengthen relevant international cooperation and ensure the safety and security of the public and the environment. IAEA should play an active role in this regard.

