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1. The peaceful uses of nuclear energy is an inalienable right of the States Parties to the NPT. Promoting relevant international cooperation is conducive to the full attainment of the objectives of the NPT, as well as advancing nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation process.
2. The peaceful uses of nuclear energy is an important means for the international community to meet challenges of climate change, inject driving force into global economic development, and achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal. It also embodies the fundamental role of the NPT in promoting peace and development in this new era. The States Parties are entitled to continuously enjoying the benefits of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and international cooperation in this field should become the most noticeable highlight in the NPT review process.
3. The peaceful uses of nuclear energy and nuclear non-proliferation are complementary. The two are both important and should be treated on equal footing. Efforts to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons should not undermine the legitimate rights of States parties, particularly developing countries, to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. All parties should refrain themselves from politicizing the peaceful uses of nuclear energy issues and disrupting and impeding regular international cooperation.
4. The promotion of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and relevant international cooperation is one of the important objectives of the NPT and the Statute of the IAEA. Developed countries and the IAEA should strengthen assistance to developing countries in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy based on their actual needs.
5. The IAEA has played a central role in promoting the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The Agency should ensure a balance between nuclear safeguards and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy in accordance with its statute.
6. As a clean and green energy source, nuclear power is of great significance for China to meet the energy needs, optimize energy structure and preserve ecological environment. China will steadily promote nuclear power plant construction and build an energy sector that is clean, low-carbon, safe, and efficient. China will further



enhance the role of nuclear energy in building a beautiful China as well as in promoting the sustainable development of the global nuclear energy at large.

7. China attaches great importance to international nuclear energy cooperation. Working towards a global nuclear energy community with a shared future, China is willing to share its nuclear technology and experiences as well as resources and platforms so that nuclear energy will promote the well-being of mankind and sustainable developments of the globe.

8. With the goal of building a world of lasting peace and universal security, China sticks to a sensible, coordinated and balanced approach to nuclear security, continuously enhances nuclear security capacity, strengthens its national responsibilities and political inputs, and steps up intentional cooperation, so as to build a global nuclear security architecture featuring fairness and win-win cooperation.

9. China supports and has actively participated in international cooperation. In October 2018, together with the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism, China held a Workshop on Combating Nuclear Terrorism and Nuclear Emergency Response at Major Public Events, with the aim of promoting capacity building through exchanges of experiences and practices among partner states. China will continue making full uses of the existing platforms, including the Center of Excellence on Nuclear Security and Nuclear and Radiation Safety Center and Custom Training Center for Radiation Detection, to facilitate nuclear security cooperation. China welcomes the participation of other countries.
