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**Mr. Chairman of the First Committee,**

**Distinguished Heads of Delegations,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is with great honor that on behalf of the Republic of Angola, present at to this working session of the First Committee in this 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly.

This is the first time that Angola takes the floor, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Courtenay Rattray on his election as President of the First Committee and express our readiness to cooperate with the Committee.

**Mr. Chairman,**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

The Republic of Angola, this work session recognizes the fundamental role of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, mainly in achieving the growing need for electrical energy in the development of our planet, such as its contribution to the treatment of cancer, vaccination of cattle, and control of pests in agriculture.

For the reasons mentioned above, Angola hopes that the work of this Committee will be able to identify new challenges and propose solutions to overcome differences, as well as proposals on nuclear safety and on building trust in the hard work that the IAEA faces in the establishment of ever closer cooperation among all its members.

**Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

In our humble opinion, the discussions around this topic occur in a period that calls for greater attention on nuclear control and disarmament. The presence of delegations from various Member States demonstrates the importance they attach to this issue as well as the importance of the international community signing and ratifying existing international instruments in order to contribute to the elimination of the total use of devices of mass destruction, as is the case of nuclear weapons.

In the particular case of Angola, we would like to mention that the CTBT treaties and the Convention on Chemical Weapons are already under administrative treatment by the National Assembly, in the first case, and on their way to accession and subsequent ratification in the second case.

**Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,**

Angola understands that one of the main reasons for the discussions around this topic continues to be the sharing of experiences offered by the IAEA through technical assistance, as well as the enhancement of the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world.

We believe that the current disarmament situation in the world requires harmonized coordination among Member States in the face of the challenges posed by the threat of the use of nuclear weapons and for the prevention of threats that States face today in this area.

## **Excellencies,**

We believe that there still is a need to ensure that each State is willing to help and give its best, both nationally and internationally, to restructure and adopt the instruments, because only thus will it be possible to harmonize the implementation of comprehensive nuclear disarmament programs of with a view to guaranteeing peace and international security.

Angola does not have any nuclear installations in its territory, and it does not have any planification to have it in the National Development Plan for 2013-2017, rather, it foresees projects related to the use of radioisotopes, linear particle accelerators, and a variety of x-ray devices in different activities, especially in the field of medicine and animal health.

## **Excellencies,**

To conclude, we reaffirm that the Republic of Angola attaches great importance to keeping the use of nuclear energy as an additional resource in our Planet Earth in the name of progress and development. For this purpose, the IAEA should, through safety and security instruments, continue to play a crucial role in contributing to peace and international security, always seeking the benefit of the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

Thank you very much!