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Thank you, Madam Chair.

Indonesia would like to recall Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space as one of five principles on outer space, adopted by General Assembly in 1992. The Principles contain a “review and revision” clause (principle 11), reflecting an acknowledgement of the need to adapt to changing technical capabilities, which the Principles were to be reopened for revision two years after their adoption.

In this regard, Indonesia appreciates the work of the working group on NPS that has been discussed various technical approaches that may be considered in order to clarify the guidance in the Principles and in the Safety Framework, with the aim of enhancing safety in the development and use of space NPS applications.

Indonesia supports six options for potential activities to further enhance safety in the development and use of space NPS applications as contained in document A/AC.105/C.1/L.391 of Draft report on the implementation of the Safety Framework for Nuclear Power Source Applications in Outer Space and recommendations for potential enhancements of the technical content and scope of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space.

Indonesia also supports a one-year extension of the NPS working group's activities proposed by the working group to complete its activities in accordance with agreed objectives.

Madame Chair,

Indonesia views that Safety Framework continue to be implemented by all states. Indonesia also emphasizes the need of international collaboration so all states can have equal opportunity to apply nuclear sources in safe and secure manner in outer space only for peaceful purposes.

Thank you.

