

**Remarks by Kazakh Ambassador Mr Umarov at the
Panel discussion marking the
10th anniversary of the IAEA Peaceful Uses Initiative
(9 November 2020, 3 p.m.)**

**Your Excellency Director General,
Distinguished Panellists,
Dear participants,**

Kazakhstan as one of the donors of the IAEA Peaceful Uses Initiative is pleased to join the congratulations on its 10th anniversary.

We are grateful for the Agency's nuclear technology assistance in combating the COVID-19. Also we positively consider the potential of the new "ZODIAC" initiative that prevents the outbreaks of zoonotic diseases in the future.

Together with the IAEA we established the unique Low Enriched Uranium Bank on our territory. Last year the LEU Bank was announced as fully operational and ready to serve the needs of peaceful and responsible use of nuclear energy.

My delegation highly appreciates the effectiveness of the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme. We are convinced that the nuclear energy may and should assist Member States not only in developing their nuclear power potential, but also in such areas of nuclear applications as agriculture, food and water security, nuclear medicine, and others, contributing to the implementation of the UN SDGs .

Being a strong advocate of the nuclear non-proliferation regime Kazakhstan is among the main donors of the Peaceful Use Initiative. I hope that the IAEA TC Programme and the PUI will generate adequate and sufficient funding and be focused on the needs of the developing countries.

Kazakhstan will continue to support the Agency in order to facilitate the peaceful use of nuclear energy.
I thank you.