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Evaluation of Technical Cooperation Activities in 2021

Statement by the Representative of the Permanent Mission of India

Mr Chairperson,

At the outset, we would like to thank the Director of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), for presenting the document "Evaluation of Technical Cooperation Activities in 2021".

We associate ourselves with the statement delivered by the distinguished Ambassador of Costa Rica on behalf of G-77 and China and would like to make the following remarks in our national capacity.

Mr Chairperson,

We note the findings of the OIOS based on the evaluation of TC related activities in 2021, particularly the common findings across evaluations completed in 2021, aimed at developing an understanding of Agency-wide performance, the results and recurring issues as also OIOS annual work planning. We encourage the Secretariat to carefully assess these recommendations for their generic applicability and also where relevant, take necessary corrective measures, in consultation with Member States in order to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Technical Cooperation Program. Despite the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of the Internal Oversight Services has completed four Country-Level Evaluation and

Audits (CLEA) which is one more than in the previous years. Further, OIOS intends to increase the country coverage by the end of the 2022-23 biennium to six CLEAs per annum. India takes note of this with appreciation. We also welcome the reduction in the percentage of open recommendations from evaluations between 2015 to 2018 from 5% in February 2021 to 2% in August 2021.

India believes that science and technology is the foundation for achieving sustainable development. In this regard the Agency's role in promoting peaceful application of nuclear science and technology is of paramount importance. While we support the Agency's initiatives for collaborating with UN organizations to achieve synergies, we would like to caution that such initiatives should not undermine the unique framework that the Agency has developed and nurtured such as National Liaison Officers or mechanism of networking etc. for implementing its program.

With these comments, my delegation takes note of the OIOS report as contained in the document GOV/2021/46.

I thank you, Mr Chairperson

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