

**STATEMENT BY NORWAY AT THE MEETING OF THE IAEA PROGRAMME AND BUDGET  
COMMITTEE (PBC), 5 May 2026**

Chair,

Norway has aligned with the statement delivered by Cyprus on behalf of the EU, and would like to add the following comments in our national capacity.

We appreciate the Secretariat for the draft budget update for 2027.

The international security environment place increasing demands on the IAEA's safeguards system. Member States rely on timely and credible verification, and effective verification necessitates a strong and independent IAEA. It is essential that the Agency has predictable and sufficient funding; access to expertise; and the ability to adapt to a more complex security environment. Norway therefore supports efforts to ensure that the IAEA has the resources it needs to carry out its growing responsibilities.

The inalienable right to the peaceful uses of nuclear technology is a core pillar of the NPT. As interest in nuclear energy and technology grows, the IAEA's role in supporting safe, secure and sustainable civilian nuclear programmes becomes ever more important. Again, adequate and sustainable resources are essential for the Agency to fulfil this mandate and to support States in building strong national frameworks and institutions.

Maintaining, and where necessary strengthening, the IAEA's regular and extra-budgetary resources is therefore a strategic investment. It is an

investment in international peace and security, sustainable development, and trust in the global nuclear governance system.

Thank you.