

## **COURTESY TRANSLATION**

With regard to the request for comments on resolution 79/240, "Group of Scientific and Technical Experts on Nuclear Disarmament Verification," the following comments are submitted in a national capacity:

For the Argentine Republic, compliance with the obligations arising from Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) requires efforts in various areas with the aim of achieving complete, verifiable, irreversible, and transparent nuclear disarmament. Among these, nuclear disarmament verification and the potential work of a Group of Scientific and Technical Experts on Nuclear Disarmament Verification (GSTE) must be included.

Argentina's commitment to this task is reflected in its participation in the two Groups of Governmental Experts (GGEs) convened on the matter (2018–2019 and 2022–2023), which contributed to advancing the understanding of the challenges and opportunities related to nuclear disarmament verification, laying the groundwork for future multilateral negotiations. Particularly noteworthy are the conclusions reached on the importance of developing technical verification capacities, considering regional approaches, and strengthening dialogue between nuclear-weapon States and non-nuclear-weapon States as a means of building trust. The proposal to create a GSTE stems from the experience provided by similar expert groups that have supported the development of disarmament and non-proliferation instruments, such as the process that led to the adoption of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT).

Another initiative contributing to nuclear disarmament verification, in which Argentina also participates, is the International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification (IPNDV). This forum has been key in exploring both technical and policy solutions for nuclear disarmament verification. Its main contributions include the development of verification methodologies, practical exercises and simulations, and capacity-building efforts, which could serve as valuable inputs for the work of a GSTE.

Capacity-building can also take place at the regional level, allowing for approaches tailored to the needs of participants. As an example, Argentina took part in the workshop "Supporting Nuclear Disarmament Verification Expertise in Non-Nuclear Weapons States," held from 30 September to 1 October, organized by the NGOs NPS Global and VERTIC. The workshop addressed the issue from the perspective of non-nuclear-weapon States, highlighting the importance of training future negotiators across various fields and leveraging new technologies in that process.

In summary, nuclear disarmament verification remains a relevant topic within the broader effort required for nuclear disarmament. It is believed that continued work in this area will help generate shared knowledge and understanding that can contribute to advancing the ultimate goal of nuclear disarmament.