



STATEMENT

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Thank you Chair,

Denmark aligns itself with the statement by the European Union and the statement by Iceland on behalf of the Nordic countries.

At the outset, let me just congratulate you, Ambassador Massari, on your appointment as chair of the First Committee. I can assure you of my delegation's full support.

Chair, Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

Throughout this session, let us remember that international peace and security requires a comprehensive approach. In this context, Denmark urges other Member States also to spend a minimum of 0.7 percent of their GNI on official development assistance. This is possible in the current security environment and would significantly contribute to the SDGs.

It is also evident that the approach must be rooted in multilateralism and international law. This is why Denmark remains committed to the international arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation architecture.

But sadly, this architecture is under intense pressure.

Now into its fourth year, Russia continues its illegal, unprovoked and unjustified full-scale war of aggression against Ukraine. Denmark condemns in the strongest terms Russia's brutal invasion, its continuing attacks on Ukrainians and Ukrainian civil infrastructure and reaffirms our unwavering

support for Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. Russia's actions are flagrant violations of international law and the UN Charter and we urge Russia to stop its illegal attacks, engage in meaningful peace negotiations and agree to a ceasefire.

This week also marks two years since the brutal attack by Hamas against Israel. Hostages are still being held by Hamas and civilians in Gaza have endured a humanitarian crisis of catastrophic proportions. Denmark welcomes the Peace Plan presented by President Trump which gives hope that the suffering and the war may soon end. We urge all parties to cease this opportunity for peace.

So conflicts like these exemplify the erosion of the norms, rules and institutions that have been built painstakingly over the decades.

In this situation, we have a collective obligation to pursue efforts that will bring international stability. And we have strong building blocks from where to start.

Chair,

The Non-Proliferation Treaty remains the cornerstone of the non-proliferation regime and the only credible path towards nuclear disarmament. We call for its full implementation and for its universalization.

We also support efforts to promote the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty and we call on Russia to reverse its

decision to withdraw its ratification. Until the CTBT enters into force, we urge all States to uphold the moratorium on nuclear weapon test explosions.

Similarly, we encourage every relevant party to conclude a successor agreement to New START. Ideally one that includes non-strategic nuclear weapons.

Another important step would be a treaty banning the production of fissile material for use in nuclear weapons. Pending a future FMCT in force, we call on China and all States concerned to declare and uphold an immediate moratorium. We remain troubled by China's opaque and rapid expansion of its nuclear arsenal, ambiguity about its so-called "no first use" doctrine and its reluctance to engage in arms control.

Mr. Chair.

Denmark is a staunch supporter of the International Atomic Energy Agency which continues to be the bulwark against nuclear proliferation and a key to enabling the responsible use of nuclear energy. Hence, we remain deeply concerned about Iran's insufficient cooperation with the IAEA in implementing its legally binding obligations.

Our position is clear: Iran must never acquire nuclear weapons. As a member of the Security Council, Denmark supported the re-imposition of sanctions on Iran to ensure exactly that, and we urge Iran to return to the negotiation table.

We also call on the DPRK to immediately cease its unlawful nuclear and ballistic missile programs in blatant violation of multiple Security Council resolutions and return to the NPT.

Chair,

The international norm against chemical and biological weapons is crucial for our collective security and is safeguarded by two landmark conventions. We strongly condemn Russia's use of the choking agent chloropicrin against Ukraine. Conversely, we are encouraged by President Trump's recent remarks on enforcing the Biological Weapons Convention.

The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and the Cluster Munitions Convention are two other significant achievements, and Denmark supports their full implementation and universalization.

Furthermore, we remain committed to address the issue of lethal autonomous weapons systems in the framework of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons.

To conclude: A viable ADN-foundation is still in place. Let's work together to preserve and to reinforce it.

I thank you.