

EOV on the resolution on Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments <Check against Delivery>

Madam Chair,

1. I would like to explain my delegation's position on the draft resolution L.55. The Republic of Korea wishes to begin by reaffirming our unwavering support towards the realization of our shared objective of a world free of nuclear weapons.
2. To this end, my delegation has been one of the many Member States that have been consistent in expressing its view that nuclear disarmament cannot be achieved overnight but should be taken forward throughout pragmatic, step by step basis. This would require concerted efforts by both Nuclear Weapon States as well as Non-Nuclear-Weapon States. Divisive approach is certainly not the way forward.
3. To our dismay, however, this resolution, particularly its OP10, in effect creates a third category of States Parties in the NPT. It is certainly not conducive to strengthening nuclear non-proliferation regime under the NPT and is a divisive approach that moves us further away from the heart of the problem.
4. Having said that, the Republic of Korea fully supports OP 26 on the DPRK nuclear issue which indeed poses a key stumbling block to realizing nuclear disarmament and a present threat to the international non-proliferation regime and peace at large. I thank you. /End/