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EXPLANATION OF VOTE (EOV) AFTER THE VOTE BY MALAYSIA

CLUSTER 1: NUCLEAR WEAPONS FIRST COMMITTEE OF THE 80TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, 31 OCTOBER 2025

Mr. Chair,

1. Allow me to deliver Malaysia's explanation of vote on draft resolution L.4, entitled "**Steps to Building a Common Roadmap towards a World Without Nuclear Weapons**", adopted by the Committee earlier today.
2. Malaysia appreciates the efforts of Japan in presenting this initiative, and we commend the open and inclusive approach taken by the main sponsor. We welcome particular improvements made to the text over recent cycles, including on the establishment of new nuclear-weapon-free zones.
3. However, my delegation was not in a position to support the resolution as a whole, given the insufficient emphasis placed on the urgency of nuclear disarmament.
4. We regret that the resolution still features language that unduly differentiates among the Nuclear-Weapon States, to whom calls for concrete action should be addressed more consistently and unequivocally. This is especially pertinent given the contemporary challenges facing the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and the broader nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime. The full and effective implementation of the Nuclear-Weapon States' Article VI obligations and related

commitments is imperative in maintaining the credibility and integrity of the Treaty.

5. Malaysia remains unable to support phrasing that perpetuates conditionality in the pursuit of the total elimination of nuclear weapons, a goal which can no longer be deferred. It must be acknowledged that the security of all States requires nuclear disarmament as a matter of the highest priority.
6. In a similar vein, Malaysia believes that concerns regarding the quantitative expansion or qualitative enhancement of nuclear weapons should not be circumscribed in a manner that implies that either is acceptable if pursued transparently. Additionally, nuclear threats and rhetoric by any party, regardless of the circumstances, must continue to be categorically rejected.
7. Further, caution should be exercised in referring to drafts put forward, but not adopted, in the NPT review process, while fully respecting the prerogatives of the President or Chair in line with established principles and practice.
8. Although we recognise the importance of strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of the disarmament machinery, we are not convinced of the necessity of singling out a resolution of the First Committee regarding nuclear disarmament for specific mention of the UN80 Initiative.
9. These are among the reasons for Malaysia's abstention on the resolution as a whole, and on specific paragraphs thereof.
10. We note Japan's explanation that the resolution will be reviewed more comprehensively ahead of the next session of the First Committee. Malaysia is hopeful that future iterations will better reflect the existential threat posed by nuclear weapons, and the undeniable corollary that they must be consigned to the annals of history. Rest assured that Malaysia will maintain our constructive engagement in this matter.

Thank you.