



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF CARICOM
FIRST COMMITTEE 80th SESSION – NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

Chair,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the 14 Member States of the Caribbean Community.

CARICOM reiterates its steadfast commitment to the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons. We view the total elimination of these weapons as the only absolute guarantee against their use or threat of use. The continued existence of nuclear weapons poses an unacceptable risk to humanity, undermining both international peace and security and the sustainable development of all States.

Chair,

CARICOM reaffirms its unwavering support for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), which remains the cornerstone of the global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime. We underscore the importance of the full and balanced implementation of its three pillars: disarmament, non-proliferation and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

CARICOM also attaches great importance to the 2026 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). The Conference will take place at a time of growing geopolitical tensions and eroding trust in multilateral disarmament processes. It must therefore serve as a turning point: one that reinvigorates dialogue, restores faith in the NPT's effectiveness; and, results in concrete progress toward fulfilling the nuclear disarmament obligations under Article VI. We call upon all States Parties, particularly the nuclear-weapon States, to honour their obligations under Article VI and to take urgent and concrete steps towards nuclear disarmament, including through the reduction of the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines and the maintenance of existing arms control agreements.



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CARICOM underscores the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) as a landmark achievement that reinforces and complements the international legal framework for nuclear disarmament. This Treaty embodies the collective moral, legal and humanitarian imperative to eliminate these weapons once and for all. Any use of nuclear weapons would have catastrophic consequences for humanity and the environment. We commend all States that have acceded to or ratified the Treaty and urge those yet to do so to join without delay.

CARICOM welcomes the continued progress in its implementation and looks forward to the first Review Conference of the Treaty in 2026.

Together, 2026 Review Conferences of the NPT and the TPNW represent a critical moment for the international community to demonstrate genuine political will and collective responsibility. CARICOM firmly believes that these two Treaties, along with the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), are mutually reinforcing and indispensable pillars of the global disarmament architecture: each contributing to the shared vision of a world free of nuclear weapons.

Chair,

As a region that has long upheld the principle of a world free of nuclear weapons, CARICOM recalls that the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which established the first nuclear-weapon-free zone in a densely populated region, remains a testament to the enduring commitment of Latin America and the Caribbean to peace and disarmament.

Chair,

The international community must move beyond words toward verifiable, irreversible and legally binding actions that will bring us closer to a world free of nuclear weapons. CARICOM remains steadfast in its commitment to working



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constructively with all partners to advance this shared objective, guided by the principles of peace, security and humanity.