

**Statement by Mr. Hassan Rahimi Majd
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the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations
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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

Mr. Chair,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement of the Non-Aligned Movement delivered by Indonesia.

Disarmament issues, closely linked to national security, must be addressed through transparent, inclusive, and consensus-based processes within the UN multilateral framework. Iran attaches great importance to multilateralism and reaffirms the continued relevance of the UN disarmament machinery established by SSOD-I.

The current paralysis of this machinery, particularly the Conference on Disarmament (CD), is not due to procedural rules but to the absence of genuine political will among certain nuclear-weapon states and their allies. Yet, the CD and the UN Disarmament Commission (UNDC) have proven their effectiveness in the past by negotiating major instruments through consensus. Their mandates and methods, therefore, remain valid.

Revitalizing the disarmament machinery requires sincere commitment from nuclear-weapon states to fulfill their obligations toward the total elimination of nuclear weapons. The Israeli regime's persistent opposition to establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East

starkly illustrates this lack of political will. The disarmament machinery must ensure effective implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions calling for the regime's prompt accession to the NPT.

While the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons represents progress, it must be complemented by a comprehensive nuclear weapons convention. We therefore support the early commencement of such negotiations in the CD, as repeatedly urged by the General Assembly.

We also express concern over the U.S. "Compliance Report," which, based on biased and politically motivated information, undermines the authority and technical integrity of the IAEA and OPCW.

Regional centers for peace and disarmament play a vital role in promoting understanding and cooperation. We emphasize the importance of enhancing the inclusiveness of the activities carried out by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific.

Finally, the international community must ensure equitable geographical representation within UNODA and expert groups in the field of disarmament. As a participant in the 2024 UN Disarmament Fellowship Programme, Iran supports the expansion of similar initiatives, including those focused on small arms and light weapons, as well as conventional ammunition management and ICT security.

We further stress that in-person meetings remain essential to guarantee equal participation of all Member States.

Thank you.