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STATEMENT OF SLOVENIA

THEMATIC DEBATE ON MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT MACHINERY

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Mr. Chairman,

Slovenia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to offer the following remarks in its national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

The disarmament machinery remains the cornerstone of our multilateral security architecture. Yet today, its credibility and effectiveness are in question. The First Committee, the Disarmament Commission, and the Conference on Disarmament were established to serve as complementary and mutually reinforcing bodies to advance international peace and security. Instead, too often, they are seen as forums of paralysis.

The Conference on Disarmament remains deadlocked, and yet its task to negotiate instruments like a Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty (FMTC) has never been more urgent. Slovenia regrets that for the third consecutive year, its participation in the CD has not been possible, along with 15 other UN

Member States, by politically motivated objections. Such actions violate sovereign equality, undermine the credibility of the entire disarmament system and harm the principles of multilateralism and inclusivity.

Mr. Chairman,

The disarmament machinery stands at a pivotal moment. It was designed to underpin multilateralism and strengthen peace and security, yet today its effectiveness is questioned. We have a responsibility to reinvigorate and adapt it to meet contemporary challenges.

Mr. Chairman,

Ongoing discussions about UN reform present an opportunity to make our disarmament institutions fit for purpose and able to respond effectively to the security challenges of today and tomorrow.

Firstly, we must work collectively to restore confidence in the machinery. Dialogue must replace deadlock. Inclusivity must replace exclusion. Constructive engagement is essential to demonstrate that multilateralism can deliver meaningful outcomes.

Secondly, implementation must match rhetoric. Too often, agreed commitments remain unfulfilled. Without genuine follow-through, we risk undermining the trust that is essential for any progress on disarmament.

Thirdly, the machinery must also balance past and future. It must uphold long-standing disarmament and non-proliferation obligations, while also addressing the evolving challenges of emerging technologies, outer space security, and autonomous weapons systems.

Mr. Chairman,

The disarmament machinery must be a driver of cooperation, not an emblem of deadlock. It must be reformed and reinvigorated. Slovenia is ready to engage constructively on practical reforms, aligned with broader UN efforts, to ensure this architecture continues to safeguard international peace, security, and stability.

I thank you.