

Statement by Brazil

Cluster 6 – Regional disarmament and security

Mr. Chair,

Brazil attaches great importance to regional approaches to disarmament and security. We are convinced that the promotion of peace and stability at the regional level contributes decisively to the advancement of international security and to the fulfillment of the objectives of the United Nations Charter.

Latin America and the Caribbean have long demonstrated the benefits of cooperation, trust-building, and disarmament for regional peace.

In the nuclear field, Latin America and the Caribbean are proud to be the first densely populated region to establish itself as a zone free of nuclear weapons, through the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the work of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL). The

Agency continues to stand as a cornerstone of our collective efforts to promote disarmament, non-proliferation, and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Brazil also highlights the unique experience of the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC), which set up a pioneering bilateral mechanism for implementing comprehensive safeguards. Today – working alongside, but independently of the IAEA – it ensures the implementation of a double layer of verification, in line with non-proliferation obligations of both countries. ABACC remains a model of transparency, confidence-building, and effective regional cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Mr. Chair,

The work of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLiREC) continues to

be essential for the region. Brazil values the Centre's technical assistance and capacity-building activities, particularly those aimed at strengthening national capabilities to prevent and combat the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons. We also recognize the successful partnerships UNLiREC has developed with States and regional organizations to advance implementation of the UN Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.

Our region's commitment to tackling the challenges associated with ammunition management has also been evident in our determined efforts to strengthen the normative framework on the issue and the role of the United Nations. Brazil remains ready to continue contributing actively this process, particularly on the implementation of the Global Framework on Ammunition Management, through the strengthening of national capacities and the promotion of cooperation at all levels.

In conclusion, Mr. Chair,

Brazil remains firmly committed to preserving our region as a zone of peace and to contributing constructively to global efforts toward a world free of nuclear weapons.

Thank you.