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Thank you, Mister Chair.

First and foremost, Brunei Darussalam align itself with the statements delivered by Malaysia on behalf of ASEAN, and Uganda on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

Mister Chair,

The theme for UNGA this year, *“Better Together: 80 Years and More for Peace, Development and Human Rights,”* highlights our shared responsibility to uphold the founding principles of the UN and the need for multilateral cooperation to address global challenges. In this context, the First Committee’s role remains indispensable as disarmament is central to global peace, security, sustainable development and human rights. The continued use and proliferation of weaponry fuel humanitarian crises and deepens inequalities, making it essential to uphold a rules-based international order and promote inclusivity, solidarity and collective action toward disarmament.

For Brunei Darussalam, multilateralism is key to advancing disarmament and non-proliferation. We view the UN as the principal forum for strengthening universal norms and commend the First Committee’s work in fostering cooperation towards a peaceful, secure, and rules-based world.

Mister Chair,

At the international level, Brunei Darussalam is committed to the international treaties and conventions which we are a party to or committed to, including the Treaty on Nuclear Non-Proliferation (NPT), Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) and Anti-Personnel Landmines Convention.

We reaffirm the NPT as the cornerstone of the global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime, as well as the peaceful use of nuclear energy. In this regard, we look forward to a constructive and results-oriented 11th Review Conference in 2026, one that delivers meaningful progress, and fully support the nomination of Viet Nam as its President.

At the regional level, we underline the importance of nuclear-weapon-free zones (NWFZs) in strengthening security, building trust, and moving us closer to a nuclear-weapon-free world. We call for the preservation and strengthening of all existing nuclear-weapon-free zones and reiterate the urgent need for the establishment of such a zone in the Middle East. Brunei Darussalam also remains firmly committed to maintaining Southeast Asia free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction, as enshrined in the *ASEAN Charter* and the *Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ)*. In this regard, we look forward to your support of the biennial SEANWFZ resolution tabled by ASEAN this year.

Beyond advancing disarmament and non-proliferation, Brunei Darussalam emphasises the importance of ensuring the peaceful, safe, and secure use of nuclear energy. This conviction guides our active participation in strengthening regional nuclear safety and security frameworks. Building on this commitment, Brunei Darussalam is honoured to participate in the rollout of the Regulatory Infrastructure Development Programme (RIDP) for the Asia-Pacific, launched in December last year, which will enhance regulatory infrastructure for radiation safety and nuclear security across our region.

Through the RIDP, Brunei Darussalam will launch the Advisory Mission on Regulatory Infrastructure for Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security (RISS Mission) this December. We have also sought additional support mechanisms by joining both the Asia-Pacific Safeguards Network and the Asian Nuclear Safety Network. Collectively, these milestones reinforce our ambition of advancing towards greater alignment with more international obligations in the near future.

Mister Chair,

Recognising the rapid and transnational advancements in AI, Brunei Darussalam acknowledges its immense potential in enhancing defence modernisation, operational efficiency, and strategic capabilities. At the same time, these technologies pose risks like misuse in autonomous weapons, algorithmic biases, cybersecurity vulnerabilities, underscoring the need for human oversight and responsible governance.

In this regard, Brunei Darussalam stresses the vital role of multilateral cooperation to ensure AI is applied responsibly and ethically, thereby contributing to peace, security, and the safeguarding of human dignity. Just as with weapons of mass destruction, AI-enabled weapon systems pose serious

humanitarian consequences, requiring collective vigilance and proactive measures to protect humanity. Brunei Darussalam therefore welcomes international efforts, including relevant UNGA Resolutions aimed at ensuring the safe and ethical development of AI in military applications. This aligns with the Joint Statement by the ASEAN Defence Ministers on Cooperation in the Field of AI in the Defence Sector adopted in Malaysia this year, reflecting our shared commitment to strengthening regional frameworks for the responsible use of AI technologies in defence.

In the same vein, it is equally important to acknowledge that the success of disarmament and peacebuilding efforts hinges on the effective implementation of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs). These measures are instrumental in advancing our shared vision of peace, inclusive development, and the safeguarding of human dignity. Brunei Darussalam strongly supports elevating the role of CBMs that emphasise openness and promote direct engagement to build trust, prevent conflict, and strengthen cooperation from local communities to the global arena.

Mister Chair,

Brunei Darussalam would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the report of the OEWG on security of and in the use of ICTs 2021-2025, in particular the establishment of a new “Global Mechanism on developments in the field of ICTs in the context of international security and advancing responsible State behaviour in the use of ICTs”, to further safeguard the peace and security of the ICT domain. We commend Singapore’s leadership as Chair of the OEWG and look forward to the launch of the Global Mechanism. Brunei Darussalam underscores the continued importance of international cooperation and capacity-building in ICTs in enabling States, especially developing countries, to effectively address evolving threats in cyberspace.

Mister Chair,

As we reflect on the UNs’ 80 years of commitment to peace, development, and human rights, we reaffirm our collective resolve to strengthen multilateralism and cooperation. The challenges confronting the world today, from disarmament to emerging technologies, demand unity of purpose and sustained commitment from all nations. In this spirit, Brunei Darussalam stands ready to work with the international community to advance these objectives, promoting peace, security, and

sustainable development through multilateral cooperation and the full observance of international law. Thank you, Mr Chair