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Mr. President,

* We would like to congratulate your Excellency on your election as Chair of this committee, as well as the members of the Bureau. You can count on our full support.

Mr. President,

1. The First Committee was born out of the collective commitment of the international community to save succeeding generations from the scourges of war, a commitment that also gave birth to the entire UN system.

2. Today, in the context of the existential challenges that threaten humanity, we have a historic and moral responsibility to call for disarmament and non-proliferation, away from confrontation and militarization.

3. No Member State has the necessary capacities to cope with the immediate or lasting effects of a nuclear detonation.

4. Two fundamental truths stand:

-First, with the nuclear threat, there is one response: its total elimination.

-Second, a nuclear war would have no winners or survivors; it is a red line that humanity must never cross.

5. Morocco firmly rejects the illusion that nuclear arsenals are guarantees of security or pillars of stability. Our commitment to disarmament and non-proliferation is a strategic choice, reflecting our attachment to international peace and security, and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

Mr. President,

6. While the 2015 and 2022 negotiations did not fully meet our legitimate aspirations, the 11th NPT Review Conference in 2026 should be an opportunity to reaffirm our collective commitment to the Treaty and its mechanisms.

7. Morocco underlines the importance to take decisive steps in the implementation of Article VI of the NPT.

8. We strongly reaffirm the inalienable right of all States Parties to the NPT to access peaceful applications of nuclear energy for their development. This

right must be exercised within the framework of enhanced international cooperation, and under the aegis of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Mr. President,

9. We recall the strong link between the universalization of the NPT and the historic commitment to eliminate nuclear weapons in the Middle East, established in the 1995 resolution.

10. Morocco will assume the Presidency of the 6th session of the Conference for the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Weapons of Mass Destruction, from the 17th to the 21st of November 2025, with a keen sense of responsibility and unwavering determination. Morocco will mobilize all its energies to make this session a significant step forward towards our shared objective: a Middle East free of weapons of mass destruction, an essential condition for lasting stability in the region.

11. Almost three decades have passed since the adoption of the CTBT, yet it has still not entered into force. Morocco reaffirms its strong commitment to this essential instrument.

Mr. President,

12. As a State Party to the CWC and the BWC, Morocco places the eradication of these weapons of mass destruction at the heart of its strategic priorities. Our position is clear: we condemn in the strongest terms any use of these weapons, by any actor, in any place and under any circumstances.

13. States Parties to the CWC must act decisively to consolidate the role of OPCW, in our collective march towards a world free of the chemical threat.

14. Morocco remains deeply concerned by the danger posed by the acquisition and potential use of these weapons by non-state actors and terrorist groups. A threat that more alarming in the current international context.

Mr President,

15. Morocco organized, from last October 2024, in Rabat, the first-ever Global Conference on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in the Implementation of the CWC. Morocco also welcomes the launch, in January 2025, by the Director-General of the OPCW, of the Temporary Working Group on Artificial Intelligence, an initiative that directly follows the recommendations of the Rabat Conference.

Mr. President,

16. Morocco was deeply honored to have chaired the 68th session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, this summer. This presidency reflects the resolute ambition of Morocco to place developing countries at the heart of international space governance, and making a major contributor to the peaceful exploration of space.

17. Morocco also reaffirms the central role of the IAEA in promoting the peaceful applications of nuclear technology. True to its vocation for South-South cooperation, Morocco continues its commitment to sharing its expertise with African brothers and friends, both bilaterally and through its cooperation with the IAEA, in order to promote the safe and secure use of nuclear applications. This cooperation fully supports the visionary initiatives of the IAEA Director General, including ZODIAC, NUTEC Plastics, and Rays of Hope, which embody our Organization's commitment to the sustainable development of Africa.

18. Regarding the use of ICTs in international security, Morocco welcomes the adoption of the final report of the OEWG and expresses its deep gratitude to His Excellency Ambassador Burhan Ghafoor, of Singapore, Chair of the Group, for his leadership.

19. Morocco looks forward to the establishment of the new global mechanism, while reaffirming the urgent need to provide, within this mechanism, an appropriate and substantial space dedicated to discussions on capacity building in developing countries. Inclusiveness is not simply a principle: it is the *sine qua non* condition for truly universal and equitable cybersecurity.

20. Morocco reaffirms its firm commitment to the UN Programme of Action to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons, as well as to the International Tracing Instrument (ITI). We call for revitalizing this program through resolute political will and tangible action.