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### Statement by Nepal at the 80<sup>th</sup> UNGA, First Committee, Thematic Discussion on Nuclear weapons

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**Mr. Chair,**

Nepal aligns itself with the statement of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

The world has witnessed unspeakable deaths and destruction from the use of nuclear weapons and their lingering impacts.

The production, stockpiling, and testing of nuclear weapons have drained vital resources and placed humanity at the risk of nuclear annihilation.

This year, marking the 80 years of the first use of nuclear weapons and 55 years of the entry into force of the NPT, signals a strong message- we must deliver on nuclear disarmament.

**Mr. Chair,**

Nepal holds a principled position that the total elimination is the only guarantee against the use or threat of nuclear weapons.

We view that the possession of nuclear weapons cannot be justified under any pretext.

The notions of responsible possession, nuclear deterrence, and nuclear sharing that perpetuate a dangerous nuclear status quo are neither acceptable nor legitimate.

We are concerned that the potential integration of new technologies, including AI in nuclear weapons, tends to further compromise the safeguards of nuclear stockpiles.

**Mr. Chair,**

As we are holding the eleventh NPT Review Conference in June next year, we call on NPT States Parties to demonstrate maximum political will and genuine action to make progress towards nuclear disarmament.

We urge all, particularly the Nuclear Weapon States, to fulfill their obligations under Article VI of the Treaty in line with the principles of transparency, irreversibility, and verifiability.

Nepal considers NPT, CTBT, and TPNW as complementary and mutually reinforcing treaties in our pursuit towards a nuclear weapons-free world.

We urge the remaining Annex 2 States to sign and ratify the CTBT without delay, facilitating its entry into force.

**Mr. Chair,**

We support the inalienable rights of all States to develop, research, and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination.

We continue to support the role of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in ensuring the peaceful uses of nuclear energy through its comprehensive safeguards mechanism.

Nepal considers Nuclear-weapon-free-zones as a crucial step towards a nuclear weapons-free world and supports their maintenance and establishment, including one in the Middle East.

The Conference on Disarmament (CD), the sole multilateral negotiation forum for disarmament, needs to be revitalized.

Nepal emphasizes the early commencement of negotiations, under the CD, on a legally binding instrument providing security assurances to non-nuclear-weapon-states against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, as well as on the Fissile Materials Cut-Off Treaty (FMCT).

**Mr. Chair,**

Nepal supports victim assistance and environmental remediation efforts to survivors of nuclear weapon production, testing, and use.

We recognize the valuable contribution of UN Regional Centers, the scientific and research community, and civil society actors in educating and promoting awareness on the urgency of nuclear disarmament.

**To conclude, Mr. Chair,**

The pursuit of a world free from nuclear weapons is not a lofty aspiration.

It is a strategic imperative for global peace and security.

It is our shared obligation to protect humanity- ensuring everyone is safe from the specter of nuclear catastrophe.

Thank you.