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Chair,

Sweden associates itself with the statement made by the European Union, the following remarks are made in national capacity.

Today's numerous geopolitical conflicts trigger security concerns for many countries, including my own.

Russia's illegal, unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine continues to pose a direct threat to nuclear safety and security.

Sweden once again calls on Russia to withdraw all armed forces and military equipment from Ukraine, including from the illegally seized Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant.

Chair,

The NPT remains the cornerstone of global disarmament and non-proliferation efforts. Sweden is committed to promoting its full implementation.

To this end Sweden works, through the cross-regional formats the Stockholm Initiative for Nuclear Disarmament and the Initiative to Reduce the Risk for Nuclear Conflict, to promote progress.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) plays a crucial role in preventing nuclear proliferation and promoting nuclear safety and security. It is vital that the Agency receives the necessary political and financial support to fulfill its mission.

Sweden would also like to highlight the importance of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT). As co-chair of the Article XIV Process over the next two years, Sweden, together with the Philippines, will work to advance the universalization and entry into force of the Treaty.

Chair,

Sweden urges Iran to reverse its escalating nuclear trajectory and grant the IAEA the verification authority necessary to ensure the accuracy and completeness of its declarations. The only way to put us on a path towards the restoration of confidence in the peaceful nature of its nuclear programme is for Iran to engage in a meaningful way and to address international concerns regarding its nuclear activities.

Sweden renews its call on DPRK to abide by the resolutions of the Security Council, dismantle its nuclear weapons programme and return to the NPT and its comprehensive safeguards agreement. A first positive step would be for the DPRK so sign and ratify the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty without further delay.

Chair,

Transparency, reporting and accountability – recognizing the special responsibilities of Nuclear Weapon States – are essential to decrease tensions and foster trust, ultimately improving conditions for disarmament.

Sweden calls on states parties to use the up-coming NPT review conference to meet the broad demand to advance work in this area of confidence building measures to the benefit of the NPT.

I thank you!