

United States Statement

Thematic Discussion on Cluster 6 – Regional Disarmament and Security

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Thank you, Chair.

The United States remains steadfast in its commitment to effective arms control. Regrettably, our discussions take place against the backdrop of escalating threats to global peace and stability.

This includes Russia's recent testing of its road-mobile *Flying Chernobyl*, a radiation-spewing, accident prone, nuclear-powered cruise missile, designed to be nuclear-armed. This system in no way contributes to stability.

President Putin is undermining strategic stability with Russia's ongoing testing of dangerous, destabilizing, and novel nuclear weapon systems.

Instead of continued development and testing of systems that heighten nuclear risks, Russia should focus on ending the war in Ukraine.

Chair,

More broadly, the erosion of arms control frameworks that once provided predictability and stability is a troubling trend. Violations of key agreements, the refusal to engage in meaningful dialogue, and actions that heighten the risk of conflict have created an environment of uncertainty and insecurity.

These developments endanger regional and global stability, with concerning behaviors such as:

- The targeting of civilians and use of other prohibited methods of warfare;
- A lack of willingness to engage in good faith negotiations;
- Actions that risk nuclear safety and security; and
- The irresponsible lowering of thresholds for nuclear weapons use, accompanied by threatening nuclear rhetoric.

Moreover, the illicit transfer of weapons and technology, including missiles and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, by China, Russia, Iran, and the DPRK has exacerbated conflicts and contributed to the destabilization of regions.

The United States calls on all states to refrain from such actions. We remain open to diplomacy and dialogue but will continue to employ appropriate measures to counter unlawful activities.

Chair,

We believe that the challenges we face are not insurmountable. The United States has long championed risk reduction, transparency, and crisis management tools to promote stability and build confidence in regions facing security challenges. These measures are adaptable and can serve as a foundation for cooperative efforts to address both traditional and emerging threats.

The United States stands ready to engage with Member States in exploring practical and effective measures to address these pressing security concerns.

Thank you, Chair.